

Dr. Robert B. Ingram, Board Member

**SUBJECT: REQUEST APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 00-15 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING THE RECOGNITION OF MAY 2000 AS HAITIAN HERITAGE/CULTURE MONTH, AND AUTHORIZE ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS TO FOSTER RELATED ACTIVITIES**

Approval is requested for Resolution No. 00-15 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, endorsing May 2000 as Haitian Heritage/Culture Month in Miami-Dade County Public Schools.

The commemoration of the month of May has evolved throughout the history of Haiti with Haitians across the globe celebrating their achievements and contributions in festive ways. This designation prompts our diverse community to become aware of, recognize and celebrate the many historic, cultural, social and economic contributions of Haitians to the United States and the world.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY**

**DR. ROBERT B. INGRAM:** That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida:

1. approve Resolution No. 00-15 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, supporting the recognition of May 2000 as Haitian Heritage/Culture Month; and
2. direct the Superintendent to encourage staff, students, parents, and the community-at-large to observe Haitian Heritage/Culture Month with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities.

**RESOLUTION NO. 00-15**  
**THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA**  
**RECOGNIZING MAY 2000 AS**  
**HAITIAN HERITAGE/CULTURE MONTH IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC**  
**SCHOOLS**

**WHEREAS**, promoting understanding and harmony among people is important to communities and their institutions; and

**WHEREAS**, Miami-Dade County Public Schools efforts to provide its students with programs and services which emphasize ethnic pride, cultural sensitivity, positive intergroup relations, and cross-cultural communications is ongoing; and

**WHEREAS**, the Haitian people are heirs to a magnificent and rich heritage which they have shared with many others here in Miami-Dade County; and

**WHEREAS**, the commemoration of Haitian Heritage/Culture has evolved throughout the history of Haiti with Haitians across the globe celebrating in festive ways; and

**WHEREAS**, Miami-Dade County Public Schools affirms the significance and importance of this merited recognition;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida approve Resolution No.00-15 submitted by Dr. Robert B. Ingram, Member of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing May 2000 as Haitian Heritage/Culture Month in Miami-Dade County Public Schools.

A copy of this resolution is placed in the permanent records of this Board.

Presented this twelfth day of April, 2000 A.D.

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

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CHAIR

ATTEST:

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Secretary