

Mr. Demetrio Pérez, Jr., M.S., Member

**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 00-33 OF THE
SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA ENDORSING
HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH, OCTOBER 2000**

Before the United States of America existed, Hispanics were making their mark upon this continent. Following the explorations of the *conquistadores*, Hispanics began establishing communities in the Americas. Today many of those communities still bear their original names: San Francisco, Los Angeles, San Diego and El Paso. In our own state, we have reminders of our Hispanic history in names such as Captiva, Sanibel, Key West, Cape Canaveral and Matanzas.

Over the centuries, Hispanics have continued their contributions to our nation's development. Millions of Hispanics have come to the United States in search of freedom and prosperity. Their commitment to family and community, a strong work ethic, and a belief in the American dream has contributed much to our society and its economic growth.

Today the nation's 31 million Hispanics are no longer concentrated on our borders and in our urban centers, but spread across the land in every corner of every state. Moreover, Hispanics continue to lead the immigration to this country. From 1980 to 1990, the Hispanic population grew by 69 percent, the greatest increase of any ethnic group. It is estimated that by the year 2050, 23 percent of our population will be of Hispanic origin.

Given the historic importance and continued growth in influence of Hispanics in this country, it is only fitting that the Miami-Dade County School Board approve Resolution No. 00-33 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, endorsing Hispanic Heritage Month, October 2000.

ACTION PROPOSED BY That The School Board of Miami-Dade County,
MR. DEMETRIO PÉREZ, JR., M.S.: Florida, approve Resolution No. 00-33 of The
School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida,
endorsing Hispanic Heritage Month, October
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WHEREAS, Hispanics were making their mark upon this continent before the United States existed; and

WHEREAS, numerous cities and other places in our nation continue to bear geographic testament to those early Hispanic explorers through their names; and

WHEREAS, over the centuries, Hispanics have continued their contributions to our nation's economic and social development; and

WHEREAS, today Hispanics are found in every corner of the nation, and their numbers are increasing at a greater rate than those of any other ethnic group;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 00-33, of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, endorsing Hispanic Heritage Month, October 2000.

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

Presented this eleventh day of October, A. D. 2000

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIRPERSON

Attest:

Secretary of Schools