

Dr. Robert B. Ingram, Member

SUBJECT: REQUEST THAT THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 01-03 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, ENDORSING FEBRUARY 2001 AS NATIONAL BLACK HISTORY THEME MONTH, TO BE CELEBRATED WITH APPROPRIATE PROGRAMS, CEREMONIES AND ACTIVITIES IN ALL OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY'S PUBLIC SCHOOLS

In 1915, National Black History Theme Month was initiated by Harvard-trained historian Dr. Carter G. Woodson as a week-long observance, and it was expanded to the entire month of February in 1976, in conjunction with the 200th birthday of the United States. This annual celebration prompts our diverse community to recognize and celebrate the many cultural, social, spiritual, and economic contributions of African-Americans to the United States.

Each year the theme for Black History Month is selected by The Association for the Study of African-American Life and History, Inc., founded by Dr. Woodson. This year's theme is "Creating and defining the African-American community, family, church, politics, and culture." Curriculum materials and speakers related to the theme are available through the Black Archives History and Research Foundation of South Florida, Inc.

Approval of the resolution that accompanies this item will support the implementation of the African-American history legislation required by the State of Florida and by Miami-Dade County Public Schools' policy.

This item does not appear in the regular agenda. There is good cause to vary from the agenda because of the need to have the resolution authorized by the Board prior to February 2001.

ACTION PROPOSED BY

DR. ROBERT B. INGRAM: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 01-03 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, endorsing February 2001 as National Black History Theme Month, to be celebrated with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities in all of Miami-Dade County's public schools.

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OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
ENDORING FEBRUARY 2001 AS NATIONAL BLACK HISTORY THEME MONTH,
TO BE CELEBRATED WITH APPROPRIATE PROGRAMS, CEREMONIES,
AND ACTIVITIES IN ALL OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY'S PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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

WHEREAS, an official national celebration of African-Americans was begun in 1915 by historian Dr. Carter G. Woodson as a week-long observance and expanded in 1976, during the 200th birthday celebration of the United States to the entire month of February; and

WHEREAS, the study of African-American history is required by state legislation and Miami-Dade Public Schools policy; and

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County Public Schools' is a national leader in providing its students with programs and services that emphasize ethnic pride, cultural sensitivity, positive intergroup relations, and cross-cultural communications; 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. 01-03 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, endorsing February 2001 as National Black History Theme Month, to be celebrated with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities in all of Miami-Dade County's public schools.

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary