

Dr. Robert B. Ingram, Member

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 01-49 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, HONORING DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., FOR HIS PROFOUND IMPACT ON THE CIVIL RIGHTS OF ALL PEOPLE

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., a well-educated man, was born in Atlanta, Georgia, on January 15, 1929. After graduating from Morehouse College, he attended Crozer Theological Seminary, where he formed his belief that peaceful, nonviolent protest against unjust laws was the way to bring about change. From Crozer he went on to Boston University, then moved to Montgomery, Alabama, to become pastor of the Dexter Avenue Baptist Church. It was in Montgomery, with the arrest of Rosa Parks who refused to give up her seat on a public bus, that America's modern civil-rights era began.

Civic leaders formed the Montgomery Improvement Association, elected Dr. King its president and launched a bus boycott of over 380 days to protest Montgomery's segregated-seating laws. The strategy worked, and Dr. King became a man of promise and prominence.

In 1957, several Black churches founded the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, headed by Dr. King. Its purpose was to desegregate facilities in other Southern cities through peaceful boycotts, demonstrations and voter-registration drives.

Because Dr. King saw the Black struggle in the United States as a moral one, he determined it could not succeed by using immoral methods and decided never to use violence to achieve his goals. In 1964 he was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for fighting nonviolently for freedom and equality for all.

Assassinated on April 4, 1968, in Memphis, Tennessee, Dr. King is honored today as a man who had a vision — a dream that one day our sons and daughters would live in a nation where they were not judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character. Because of his exemplary and courageous leadership, our nation is now a better place for all to live; therefore, it is fitting that the School Board adopt the suggested resolution in his honor.

ACTION PROPOSED

BY DR. ROBERT B. INGRAM: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 01-49 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, honoring Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., for his profound impact on the civil rights of all people.

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THE CIVIL RIGHTS OF ALL PEOPLE**

WHEREAS, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., was born in Atlanta, Georgia on January 15, 1929; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., is remembered throughout the world for his contributions to America's civil rights movement, which had such a profound impact on all people and secured his legacy as one of the great leaders of our time; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., courageously, nonviolently and relentlessly pursued those civil rights through political, social and economic reform to make our country a more humane place in which to live; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., believed that one day our sons and daughters would live in a nation where they would not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., with dignity, pride, strength and love, lived and died for his dream: freedom and equality for every person; and

WHEREAS, through Dr. King's example and sacrifice, we are able to live the dream he envisioned; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., left in men and women across the globe the conviction and the will to carry on; and

WHEREAS, this year the nation celebrated Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s, birthday as a federal holiday on January 15, 2001; and

WHEREAS, as testament to the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s, contributions to all America, The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida calls for an official commemoration yearly in memory of this outstanding American;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 01-49 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, honoring Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., for his profound impact on the civil rights of all people.

Presented this seventeenth day of January, A.D. 2001

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary