

Dr. Robert B. Ingram, Member

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 01-08 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA ENDORSING MARCH 12-16, 2001 AS "YOUTH CRIME WATCH OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY WEEK" TO BE CELEBRATED IN ALL OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY'S PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Youth Crime Watch of Miami-Dade County is an important organization to this community and in particular to our youth. It has a long and distinguished history of working jointly with Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) to educate young people in crime prevention, public safety and school and community pride.

In M-DCPS, Youth Crime Watch plays an important role in a wide variety of crime prevention areas including gun safety and control, as well as drug and gang awareness. It is certain that their involvement in education has had both a significant and positive impact on the district's effort to reduce crime in its schools. For that reason, it is appropriate that the Board adopt the suggested resolution endorsing March 12-16, 2001 as "Youth Crime Watch of Miami-Dade County Week" to be celebrated in all of Miami-Dade County's public schools. Continuing to work together, we can make a difference not only in the quality of life in our neighborhood, but in the learning environment in our schools.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY
DR. ROBERT B. INGRAM:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 01-08 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, endorsing March 12-16, 2001 as "Youth Crime Watch of Miami-Dade County Week" to be celebrated in all of Miami-Dade County's public schools.

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REPLACEMENT
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WHEREAS, Youth Crime Watch of Miami-Dade County, a program of Citizen's Crime Watch of Miami-Dade County, Inc., joined forces with Miami-Dade County Public Schools in 1979 to educate young people in crime prevention, public safety, and school and community pride; and

WHEREAS, since its inception, more than 290,000 Miami-Dade County public school students have received the tools and guidance necessary to reduce crime against themselves, their schools and their communities; and

WHEREAS, Youth Crime Watch of Miami-Dade County is the forerunner of the program that now serves as a national and international model for other communities that urge citizen involvement in crime prevention; and

WHEREAS, Youth Crime Watch of Miami-Dade County continues to educate students on gun safety and control, as well as drug and gang awareness; personal safety; and other topics related to crime prevention; and

WHEREAS, Youth Crime Watch of Miami-Dade County sponsors an annual conference for all of Miami-Dade County's public school students to meet, to develop leadership skills and to discuss strategies to combat crime;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution 01-08 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, endorsing March 12-16, 2001 as "Youth Crime Watch of Miami-Dade County Week" to be celebrated in all of Miami-Dade County's public schools.

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary