

January 7, 2001

Dr. Robert B. Ingram, Member

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 02-02 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, ENDORSING FEBRUARY 2002 AS NATIONAL BLACK HISTORY MONTH AND SUPPORTING THE INFUSION OF AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY ACROSS THE CURRICULUM THROUGHOUT THE SCHOOL YEAR

In 1915, the precursor to National Black History Month was initiated by Harvard-trained historian Dr. Carter G. Woodson as a week-long observance. 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 "The Color Line Revisited: Is Racism Dead?" Curriculum support materials and speakers related to the theme are available through the Division of Social Sciences and 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.

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

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida approve Resolution No. 02-02 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, endorsing February 2002 as National Black History Month and supporting infusion of African American history across the curriculum throughout the school year.

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

WHEREAS, an official national celebration of African American contributions 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. 02-02 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, endorsing February 2002 as National Black History Month and supporting the infusion of African American history across the curriculum throughout the school year.

Presented this sixteenth day of January, A.D. 2002

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

Chair

ATTEST:

Secretary