

July 7, 2003

Dr. Robert B. Ingram, Vice Chair

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 03-39 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING THE 6th ANNUAL AFRICANDO ARTS AND CULTURE FOLK LIFE FESTIVAL ON JULY 26, 2003

COMMITTEE: FACILITIES MANAGEMENT

The AfrICANDO Arts and Culture Folk Life Festival, a collaborative effort of the Foundation for Democracy in Africa, Miami-Dade County and several local agencies and organizations, is a one-day extravaganza designed to showcase the African influence that exists throughout our world. This multicultural festival, the culminating event for the 6th Annual AfrICANDO Trade and Investment Symposium, "Tourism as an Engine of Growth," will take place on July 26, 2003, at Bayfront Park.

As in the past, it is anticipated that thousands of people will attend the event to enjoy cultural dances, percussionists, music, storytellers, art and food as well as to have the opportunity to buy products that have unique cultural appeal and reflect the diversity of Africa and the Caribbean. South Florida, which is home to people from various countries, has and will continue to benefit from these cultural experiences and events as well as the business opportunities they stimulate.

One component of the festival that has gained in popularity is the African Diaspora Town Hall Meeting, which attracts scholars and activists interested in tracing the dispersion of African people throughout the world and the impact they have had on culture. At this event, scholars enlighten the audience about Africa's enduring influence on the universe through language, food, ceremonies, entertainment, dress and other forms of cultural expression.

This item does not appear in the published agenda. The good cause for varying from the published agenda is that there will not be another School Board meeting prior to the festival.

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

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 03-39 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County Florida, supporting the AfrICANDO Arts and Culture Folk Life Festival on July 26, 2003.

GOOD CAUSE
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**RESOLUTION NO. 03-39
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
SUPPORTING THE 6TH ANNUAL AFRICANDO ARTS AND CULTURE FOLK
LIFE FESTIVAL ON JULY 26, 2003**

WHEREAS, the AfrICANDO Arts and Culture Folk Life Festival, a collaborative effort of the Foundation for Democracy in Africa, Miami-Dade County and several local organizations and agencies, is a one-day extravaganza to showcase the African influence that exists throughout our world, and

WHEREAS, this cultural activity, the culminating event for the 6th Annual AfrICANDO Trade and Investment Symposium, "Tourism as an Engine of Growth," will take place on July 26, 2003, at Bayfront park; and

WHEREAS, as in the past, thousands of people are anticipated to attend the festival to enjoy cultural dances, percussionists, music, storytellers, art and food as well as to have the opportunity to buy a variety of products that have unique cultural appeal and reflect the diversity of Africa and the Caribbean; and

WHEREAS, South Florida, home to people from various countries, has and will continue to benefit from these cultural experiences, events and the business opportunities they stimulate; and

WHEREAS, one component of the festival that has gained in popularity is the African Diaspora Town Hall Meeting, which attracts scholars and activists interested in tracing the dispersion of African people and their descendants throughout the world and the impact they have had on culture; and

WHEREAS, these scholars enlighten the audience about Africa's enduring influence on the universe through language, food, ceremonies, entertainment, dress and other forms of cultural expression;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 03-39 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, supporting the 6th Annual AfrICANDO Arts and Culture Folk Life Festival on July 26, 2003.

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

Presented this ninth day of July, A. D. 2003

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary