

Mr. Frank J. Cobo, Member

**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 03-47 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, IN OBSERVANCE OF NATIONAL CHILD HEALTH DAY, OCTOBER 6TH, 2003**

National Child Health Day is an annual observance that dates back to 1928. Celebrated on the first Monday in October, it is intended to focus the attention of the nation on issues related to children's development and well-being.

In previous years, Child Health Day has focused on substance abuse, immunizations and early childhood. The theme of this year's event is the prevention of bullying.

According to the Indicators of School Crime and Safety, a joint effort by the Bureau of Justice Statistics and the National Center for Education Statistics, eight percent of students reported that they had been bullied at school in the previous six months. Males were two percent more likely to be bullied than females. "Students in lower grades were generally more likely to be bullied than students in higher grades. For example, 14 percent of students in 6th grade reported being bullied, compared with two percent of students in grade 12," the report states.

Each year, the Maternal and Child Health Bureau of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services puts together an information kit that can be used by schools for their own activities. The kit usually contains brochures, posters and other educational materials.

School-site staff may obtain a National Child Health Day information kit by calling the National Maternal and Child Health Clearinghouse at 1-888-434-4624.

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 observance.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY  
MR. FRANK J. COBO:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve resolution No. 03-47 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, supporting the districtwide observance of National Child Health Day, October 6th, 2003.

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**GOOD CAUSE  
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**RESOLUTION NO. 03-47  
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,  
SUPPORTING THE DISTRICTWIDE OBSERVANCE OF  
NATIONAL CHILD HEALTH DAY, OCTOBER 6TH, 2003**

**WHEREAS**, National Child Health Day has been observed on the first Monday in October since 1928 to focus the attention of the nation on issues related to children's development and well-being; and

**WHEREAS**, each annual observance of Child Health Day focuses on a particular childhood issue, such as substance abuse, immunizations and early childhood; and

**WHEREAS**, the theme of this year's event is the prevention of bullying, which affects around 14 percent of 6th graders and an average of eight percent of all students in kindergarten through 12th grade; and

**WHEREAS**, as one of the component observances of Child Health Day, the Maternal and Child Health Bureau of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services puts together brochures, posters and other educational materials for the use of school staff; and

**WHEREAS**, the aforementioned educational kits can be obtained from the National Maternal and Child Health Clearinghouse by calling 1-888-434-4624;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve resolution No. 03-47 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, supporting the districtwide observance of National Child Health Day, October 6th, 2003.

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

Presented this 10th day of September, A.D. 2003

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

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CHAIR

ATTEST:

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Secretary