

Frank J. Cobo, Member

**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 03-54 OF THE
SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
SUPPORTING THE AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY'S LOCAL
RELAY FOR LIFE EVENTS**

COMMITTEE: EDUCATION AND SCHOOL OPERATIONS

Each year, the American Cancer Society holds the Relay For Life in 3,600 communities nationwide to support cancer research and education. This spring, Relay for Life events will be held in 15 Miami-Dade communities.

In 2003, 29 Miami-Dade county schools participated in these events, representing more than 46 school teams. These events give young people a chance to give back to the community with students acting as leaders to organize teams while learning more about cancer and its prevention.

Student participants also earn community service hours from the American Cancer Society helping them meet their community service requirement to graduate. Relay for Life events are invaluable for students to develop leadership skills, compassion and a commitment to community service.

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

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution 03-54 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, supporting the American Cancer Society's local Relay for Life events.

MP:jam

**RESOLUTION NO. 03-54
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
SUPPORTING THE AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY'S LOCAL
RELAY FOR LIFE EVENTS**

WHEREAS, cancer impacts four out of five families in the United States; and

WHEREAS, each year the American Cancer Society holds Relay for Life races in 3,600 communities nationwide to support cancer research and awareness; and

WHEREAS, this spring Relay for Life events will be held in 15 Miami-Dade communities, with the Superintendent serving as Honorary Leadership Chair; and

WHEREAS, in 2003, 29 Miami-Dade county schools participated in the relays , representing more than 46 school teams; and

WHEREAS, Relay for Life events give young people a chance to give back to the community and to act as leaders in organizing teams while simultaneously learning more about cancer and its prevention; and

WHEREAS, student participants also earn community service hours from the American Cancer Society, helping them meet their community service requirement for graduation; and

WHEREAS, Relay for Life events are invaluable for students to develop leadership skills, compassion and a commitment to community service;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution 03-54 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, supporting the American Cancer Society's local Relay for Life events.

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

Presented this nineteenth day of November, A.D. 2003

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary