

Dr. Robert B. Ingram, Vice Chair

**SUBJECT:           REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 05-07 OF THE  
SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,  
DESIGNATING MARCH 2005 AS WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH TO  
BE CELEBRATED IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

**COMMITTEE:       INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

Each year, the Congress of the United States issues a resolution designating March as Women's History Month. Additionally, a Presidential Proclamation is issued encouraging all Americans to observe this month in recognizing the role of women in history. In 1998, the Florida Legislature amended Florida Statutes to require instruction in "women's contributions to the United States." The District's Student Progression Plan and the K-12 social studies instructional program reflect this important requirement.

Throughout each school year, students in Miami-Dade County Public Schools study women's contributions and how women have impacted history. The Division of Social Sciences has developed a women's history curriculum resource guide entitled *FACES, A Journey Through Women's History*, to support this mandate. Additional instructional materials to support reading and writing instruction have also been developed by the Division and disseminated to all schools. A curriculum packet to support this year's National Women's History Month's theme, **Women Change America**, was distributed to all schools in late February.

Therefore, it is fitting that the Board approve Resolution No. 05-07 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, as a continuing example of leadership and with the recognition that it will create a heightened awareness and appreciation of the many significant contributions women have made to the United States.

This item does not appear in the regularly scheduled agenda. There is good cause to vary from the established agenda to recognize the role of women in history by designating March 2005 as Women's History Month.

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

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 05-07 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, designating March 2005 as Women's History Month to be celebrated in all Miami-Dade County Public Schools.

**GOOD CAUSE**

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**WHEREAS**, American women of every culture, class, and ethnic background have made historic contributions to the growth and strength of our Nation in countless recorded and unrecorded ways; and

**WHEREAS**, American women have played and continue to play a critical economic, cultural, and social role in every sphere of the life of the Nation by constituting a significant portion of the labor force working inside and outside of the home; and

**WHEREAS**, American women have played a unique role through the history of the Nation by providing the majority of the volunteer labor force of the Nation; and

**WHEREAS**, American women were particularly important in the establishment of early charitable, philanthropic, and cultural institutions in our Nation; and

**WHEREAS**, American women of every culture, class, and ethnic background served as early leaders in the forefront of every major progressive social change movement; and

**WHEREAS**, American women have been leaders, not only in securing their own rights of suffrage and equal opportunity, but also in the abolitionist movement, the emancipation movement, the industrial labor movement, the civil rights movement, and other movements, especially the peace movement, which create a more fair and just society for all; and

**WHEREAS**, **Women Change America** has been designated as the 2005 Women's History Month theme; and

**WHEREAS**, in Miami-Dade County Public Schools, the study of the contributions of women to the United States is required;

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

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 05-07 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, designating March 2005 as Women's History Month to be celebrated in all Miami-Dade County Public Schools.

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

Presented this sixteenth day of March, A.D. 2005

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

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CHAIR

Attest:

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Secretary