

Dr. Marta Pérez, Member

**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION #05-09
SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
DESIGNATING MARCH AS CELTIC-AMERICAN HERITAGE
MONTH TO BE CELEBRATED IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY
PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

**COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY
ENGAGEMENT**

The descendants of immigrants from Ireland, Scotland, Wales and Galicia in Spain, as well as others of Celtic ancestry, have a long and distinguished history in the United States. They have made invaluable contributions to this country.

In March of 2000, the Florida House of Representatives formally recognized and designated the month of March as Celtic-American Heritage Month in Florida. For that reason, it is appropriate that the Board adopt the suggested resolution designating March as Celtic-American Heritage Month to be celebrated in perpetuity in all Miami-Dade County's Public Schools. This designation prompts our diverse community to become aware of, recognize and celebrate the many historic, cultural, social, educational and economic contributions of Celtic-Americans to the United States.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY
DR. MARTA PÉREZ:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution # 05-09 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, designating March as Celtic-American Heritage Month to be celebrated in all of Miami-Dade County's public schools.

**RESOLUTION #05-09
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA
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IN ALL OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY'S PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

WHEREAS, the descendents of immigrants from Ireland, Scotland, Wales and Galicia in Spain, as well as others of Celtic ancestry, have contributed significantly to the economic, cultural, educational and spiritual development of the State of Florida, and

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County Public Schools' efforts to provide its students with programs and services that emphasize ethnic pride, cultural sensitivity, positive intergroup relations and cross-cultural communications is ongoing; and

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

WHEREAS, Celtic-American Heritage Month was designated by The Florida House of Representatives on March 31, 2000; 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 # 05-09 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, designating March as Celtic-American Heritage Month to be celebrated in all of Miami-Dade County's public schools.

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

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

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary