

Dr. Robert B. Ingram, Vice Chair

**SUBJECT:           REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 05-14 OF THE  
                      SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,  
                      SUPPORTING THE AFRICANDO ARTS AND CULTURE FOLK LIFE  
                      FESTIVAL TO BE HELD JUNE 18, 2005**

**COMMITTEE:       INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

The AfrICANDO Arts and Culture Folk Life Festival, a collaborative effort of the Foundation for Democracy in Africa, Miami-Dade County, the City of Miami, and several local agencies and organizations, is a one-day event designed to showcase the African influence that exists throughout our world. This multicultural festival, the culminating event for the eighth Annual AfrICANDO Trade and Investment Symposium, will be held on Saturday, June 18, 2005, from 1:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. at Bayfront Park. The event is free to the public.

As in past years, thousands of people are expected to 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 around the world, has and will continue to benefit from these cultural experiences and events and the business opportunities they stimulate.

One component of the festival that has gained in popularity is the African Diaspora Heritage Panel 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 world through language, food, ceremonies, entertainment, dress and other forms of cultural expression.

In addition to the festivities associated with the AfrICANDO Arts and Culture Folk Life Festival, students from Miami-Dade County Public Schools have the opportunity to showcase their knowledge of African and African American history at the AfrICANDO Brain Bowl Competition held on Friday, June 17, 2005, as part of the trade conference.

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

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 05-14, supporting the AfrICANDO Arts and Culture Folk Life Festival to be held on June 18, 2005.

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**RESOLUTION NO. 05-14  
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,  
SUPPORTING THE AFRICANDO ARTS AND CULTURE FOLK LIFE FESTIVAL  
ON JUNE 18, 2005**

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

**WHEREAS**, this cultural activity is the culminating event for the eighth Annual AfrICANDO Trade and Investment Symposium which will be held on June 15-18, 2005 at Bayfront Park; and

**WHEREAS**, as in the past, thousands of people are expected 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, a global community, has and will continue to benefit from these cultural experiences and events as well as the business opportunities they stimulate; and

**WHEREAS**, the African Diaspora Heritage Panel 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 world through language, food, ceremonies, entertainment, dress, and other forms of cultural expression; and

**WHEREAS**, students from Miami-Dade County Public Schools are invited to showcase their knowledge of African and African American history at the AfrICANDO Brain Bowl Competition;

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

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 05-14 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, supporting the AfrICANDO Arts and Culture Folk Life Festival on June 18, 2005.

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

Presented this thirteenth day of April, A.D. 2005

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

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CHAIR

Attest:

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Secretary