

Office of School Board Members
Board Meeting of September 7, 2005

August 29, 2005

Dr. Marta Pérez, Member

**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 05-39 OF
THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
ENDORING UNITED NATIONS DAY, OCTOBER 24, 2005**

**COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY
ENGAGEMENT**

United Nations Day is an international observance to mark the anniversary of the founding of the United Nations on October 24, 1945. In the spring of that year, representatives of 50 nations gathered in San Francisco to put the finishing touches on a document of far-reaching consequence - the Charter of the United Nations. The October 24th date marks the day when a sufficient number of ratifications had been obtained to officially launch the new United Nations. A new global institution had emerged out of the chaos and destruction of World War II to "save succeeding generations from the scourge of war - to reaffirm faith in fundamental human rights - and to promote social progress and better standards of life in larger freedoms."

In 1947, the U.N. General Assembly adopted a resolution declaring that October 24 "shall be henceforth officially called *United Nations Day* and shall be devoted to making known to the peoples of the world the aims and achievements of the U.N., and to gaining their support for the work of the United Nations." U.N. Day is now observed in 189 countries throughout the world.

To reaffirm the universality of these principles and to ensure their continuance, our students must be taught to live and work effectively in a culturally diverse and interdependent society, and to recognize that diversity can be many things: racial and ethnic background, economic status, religion, gender, and physical or mental attributes.

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

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve resolution No. 05-39 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, endorsing United Nations Day, October 24, 2005.

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**ITEM WITHDRAWN
(09/07/05)
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**RESOLUTION NO. 05-39
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
ENDORING UNITED NATIONS DAY, OCTOBER 24, 2005**

WHEREAS, United Nations Day is an international observance to mark the anniversary of the founding of the United Nations on October 24, 1945; and

WHEREAS, in the spring of 1945, representatives of 50 nations gathered in San Francisco to put the finishing touches on the Charter of the United Nations — a document of far-reaching consequence; and

WHEREAS, this new global institution had emerged out of the chaos and destruction of World War II to “save succeeding generations from the scourge of war - to reaffirm faith in fundamental human rights - to promote social progress and better standards of life in larger freedoms”; and

WHEREAS, in 1947, the U.N. General Assembly adopted a resolution declaring that October 24 “shall be henceforth officially called *United Nations Day* and shall be devoted to making known to the peoples of the world the aims and achievements of the U.N., and to gaining their support for the work of the United Nations”; and

WHEREAS, we at Miami-Dade County Public Schools are challenged with the task of ensuring the continuance of these precepts by passing them on to our students so they may learn to recognize that diversity can be many things: racial and ethnic background, economic status, religion, gender, and physical or mental attributes;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve resolution No. 05-39 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, endorsing United Nations Day, October 24, 2005.

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

Presented this seventh day of September, A.D. 2005

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

SECRETARY