

Dr. Martin Karp, Member

**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 05-51 OF
THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
ENDORING JANUARY 2006 AS FLORIDA JEWISH HISTORY
MONTH TO BE CELEBRATED IN ALL OF MIAMI-DADE
COUNTY'S PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

**COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY
ENGAGEMENT**

Governor Jeb Bush signed House Bill 0803 into law effective in the year 2003, designating the month of January, annually, as Florida Jewish History Month. Florida Jewish History Month helps focus attention on the tremendous contributions Florida's Jews have made in every area of the development of our state.

The purpose of Florida Jewish History Month is to call attention to the many cultural, social, spiritual and economic contributions of Florida's Jewish community not only to the state of Florida but also to the United States. The concept for Florida Jewish History Month began at the Jewish Museum of Florida which collects, presents and interprets the Jewish experience in Florida since 1763.

Therefore, given the importance of the contributions of the Jewish community to the development of Florida, Florida Jewish History Month is a time to learn how Jews have been involved in enriching the lives of all Floridians. It is appropriate that the Miami-Dade County Public Schools endorse Florida Jewish History Month and encourage its celebration in all of Miami-Dade County's public schools.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY
DR. MARTIN KARP:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 05-51 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, endorsing January 2006 as Florida Jewish History Month to be celebrated in all of Miami-Dade County's public schools.

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WHEREAS, among the myriad of ethnic groups that have passed through Florida since 1513, Jews are notable for remaining in the state and retaining and asserting their ethnic identity; and

WHEREAS, like other ethnic groups, Jews have actively participated in shaping the destiny of Florida by bringing their visions for freedom and democracy and their creativity, thus leaving their footprints across the state; and

WHEREAS, Florida Jewish History Month is a time to focus attention on the tremendous contributions Florida's Jews have made in every area of the development of our state; and

WHEREAS, the official month long celebration of Florida Jewish History Month in the Miami-Dade County Public Schools be initiated in January 2006 to celebrate the strength and richness the Jewish community brings to the multicultural population of our students and staff; and

WHEREAS, Florida Jewish History Month is a time to highlight on the tremendous contributions Miami-Dade County Jews have made in every area of the development of the county;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 05-51 of the School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, endorsing January as Florida Jewish History 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 the Board.

Presented this fourteenth day of December, 2005

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

SECRETARY