

Ms. Perla Tabares Hantman, Vice-Chair

**SUBJECT:           REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 06-17 OF THE  
SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,  
PROCLAIMING APRIL AS CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT  
PREVENTION MONTH IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY'S PUBLIC  
SCHOOLS**

**COMMITTEE:       INNOVATION, EFFICIENCY & GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS**

In 1982, President Ronald Reagan declared the month of April as National Child Abuse Prevention Month. Since that time, child abuse and neglect prevention awareness activities, including a Blue Ribbon Campaign, have been promoted across America.

The Blue Ribbon Campaign originated in Virginia in 1989 when a grandmother, whose grandson died from child abuse, tied a blue ribbon on a vehicle as a constant reminder to fight for the protection of children. The campaign has grown to such an extent that people through the country are encouraged to wear a blue ribbon as a visible symbol of the commitment to keeping children safe, to increasing knowledge and awareness of child abuse and to being compassionate toward children.

Child abuse, the behavior toward a child by an adult that endangers or impairs the child's physical or emotional health and development, affects all segments of society; it knows no socioeconomic, cultural, ethnic, or religious boundaries. It must be eliminated. Officials from Miami-Dade County Public Schools, Miami-Dade County and the City of Miami have begun working together in planning activities to raise awareness regarding the issue this April.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY**

**VICE-CHAIR PERLA TABARES HANTMAN:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 06-17 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, proclaiming April as Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Month in Miami-Dade County's public schools.

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OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,  
PROCLAIMING APRIL AS CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT PREVENTION  
MONTH IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY'S PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

**WHEREAS**, in 1982, President Ronald Regan declared the month of April as National Child Abuse Prevention Month; and

**WHEREAS**, since that time, child abuse and neglect prevention awareness activities, including a Blue Ribbon Campaign that originated in Virginia, have been promoted across the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, the Blue Ribbon Campaign began in 1989 when a grandmother, whose grandson died from child abuse, started a personal battle to combat child abuse by tying a blue ribbon on her vehicle as a constant reminder to fight for the protection of children; and

**WHEREAS**, this campaign has grown to such an extent that people throughout the country are encouraged to wear a blue ribbon as a visible symbol of the commitment to keeping children safe, to increasing knowledge and awareness of child abuse and to being compassionate toward children; and

**WHEREAS**, child abuse, the behavior directed toward a child by an adult that endangers or impairs a child's physical or emotional health and development, affects all segments of society and knows no socioeconomic, cultural, ethnic or religious boundaries; and

**WHEREAS**, our children and our community will benefit from engaging in activities designed to highlight the prevention of child abuse and neglect;

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

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 06-17 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, proclaiming April as Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Month in Miami-Dade County's public schools.

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

Presented this fifteenth day of March, A.D. 2006

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

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CHAIR

ATTEST:

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SECRETARY