

Dr. Martin Karp, Vice-Chair

**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 06-65 OF
THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
ENDORING JANUARY 2007 AS FLORIDA JEWISH HISTORY
MONTH TO BE CELEBRATED IN ALL OF MIAMI-DADE
COUNTY'S PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

**COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY
ENGAGEMENT**

In 2003, Governor Jeb Bush signed House Bill 0803 into law designating the month of January, annually, as Florida Jewish History Month. The purpose of Florida Jewish History Month is to focus attention on the numerous social, political, economic, and cultural contributions made by Florida's Jewish community since arriving in Florida in 1763. The concept for Florida Jewish History Month began at the Jewish Museum of Florida located in Miami Beach. The Jewish Museum collects, preserves, and interprets the Jewish experience in Florida through educational exhibitions and activities.

Florida Jewish History Month provides all Floridians, including students, with the opportunity to recognize the integral role the Jewish culture has played in the development of the state and to celebrate the numerous contributions of Florida's Jewish community to the state and nation. Therefore, 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. 06-65 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, endorsing January 2007 as Florida Jewish History Month to be celebrated in all of Miami-Dade County's public schools.

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WHEREAS, the earliest documented entry of Jewish immigrants in Florida took place in 1763; and

WHEREAS, among the many racial, ethnic, and cultural groups that have contributed to Florida's history, members of the Jewish community are notable for remaining in the state and retaining and asserting their ethnic identity; and

WHEREAS, like other ethnic groups, members of the Jewish community have actively participated in shaping the history 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 social, political, economic, and cultural contributions made to our state by the Jewish community; and

WHEREAS, Florida Jewish History Month is the time to recognize the contributions made by Jewish individuals in Florida in every field of endeavor; and

WHEREAS, the official month long celebration of Florida Jewish History Month in the Miami-Dade County Public Schools be initiated in January 2007 to celebrate the strength and richness the Jewish community brings to the multicultural population of our students and staff; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 06-65 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 thirteenth day of December, 2006

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

SECRETARY