

Ms. Evelyn Langlieb Greer, Board Member

**SUBJECT:           REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 06-69 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, PROCLAIMING THE THIRD FRIDAY IN FEBRUARY AS “WOMAN’S HEART DAY” TO INCREASE AWARENESS OF HEART DISEASE PREVENTION AMONG WOMEN IN ALL MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

**COMMITTEE:       INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

Recognizing the importance of focusing on women’s heart health, in 2002, the federal government declared the third Friday in February as national “Woman’s Heart Day.” Sister to Sister – Everyone Has a Heart Foundation, Inc., the only national organization that focuses solely on women’s heart disease, screening and prevention, will conduct fairs and heart-health informational seminars in sixteen major U.S. cities, including Miami. Companies are being asked to promote and encourage a healthy lifestyle among their female employees, informing them of heart disease prevention measures including a heart-healthy diet and periodic heart-health screenings. It is fitting, therefore, that the School Board express its support of this national event by ratifying a resolution declaring the third Friday in February as “Woman’s Heart Day” in Miami-Dade County Public Schools.

**ACTION PROPOSED**

**BY MS. EVELYN LANGLIEB GREER:** That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 06-69 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, endorsing the third Friday in February as “Woman’s Heart Day” to increase awareness of heart disease among women in all Miami-Dade County Public Schools, and authorizing administrative actions to foster related activities.

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**WHEREAS**, heart disease is the number one killer of women in the United States, and only half of all American women are aware of this fact; and

**WHEREAS**, women's heart disease symptoms may be different than men's symptoms, so women often ignore the signs that could indicate a heart problem; and

**WHEREAS**, more female Hispanic Americans die from heart disease than white women; and

**WHEREAS**, African American women are 72 percent more likely to suffer from heart disease than white women; and

**WHEREAS**, Miami-Dade County Public Schools seeks to support the prevention of heart disease among women employees by encouraging them to get heart-health screenings.

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

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve resolution No. 06-69 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, endorsing the third Friday in February as "Woman's Heart Day" to encourage female employees to take part in periodic heart-health screenings and learn "heart-health" information that could save lives.

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

**Presented this seventeenth day of January, A.D. 2007**

**THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA**

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**CHAIR**

**ATTEST:**

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**SECRETARY**