

Ms. Perla Tabares Hantman, Member

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 07-06 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, ENDORSING MARCH 2007 AS "ARTS IN OUR SCHOOLS MONTH," TO BE CELEBRATED IN ALL MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS, AND AUTHORIZING ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS TO FOSTER RELATED ACTIVITIES

COMMITTEE: INNOVATION, EFFICIENCY AND GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

This coming March, schools and communities throughout the country will commemorate, endorse and support arts programs and their many advantages. "Arts in Our Schools Month" focuses attention on and increases community awareness of the value of arts education for all children. The renowned artist of American Modernism Georgia O'Keeffe once said, "Art is not what you see, but what you make others see." The arts also teach children to make good judgments about qualitative relationships, how problems can have more than one solution and how to see and interpret the world in many different ways.

The No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 supports the power of arts education and recognizes its significance and necessity for all children. Ratification of this resolution will prompt our diverse community to become aware of, recognize, and celebrate the many historical, cultural, social, and economic benefits that the arts and arts education provide to Miami-Dade County, the State of Florida and the nation.

ACTION PROPOSED BY

MS. PERLA TABARES HANTMAN: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 07-06 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, endorsing March 2007 as "Arts in Our Schools Month," to be celebrated in all Miami-Dade County Public Schools, and authorizing administrative actions to foster related activities.

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WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County Public Schools supports arts education and ongoing efforts to educate the community about the merits of an education in the arts; and

WHEREAS, schools and communities throughout the nation will commemorate and endorse "Arts in Our Schools Month" and support arts programs and their many benefits by focusing attention on and increasing community awareness of the value of arts education for all children; and

WHEREAS, arts education develops creative problem-solving and critical thinking abilities while providing a deeper understanding of multicultural values and beliefs; and

WHEREAS, arts education teaches children to make good judgments about qualitative relationships, how problems can have more than one solution and how to see and interpret the world in many different ways; and

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County Public Schools seeks to provide its students with programs and services, such as those related to the arts, that emphasize ethnic pride, cultural sensitivity, positive intergroup relations and cross-cultural communications;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 07-06 of the School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, endorsing March 2007 as "Arts in Our Schools Month," to be celebrated in all Miami-Dade County Public Schools, and authorizing administrative actions to foster related activities.

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

Presented this fourteenth day of February, A.D. 2007

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

SECRETARY