

Ana Rivas Logan, Board Member

**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 08-16 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, ENDORSING FEBRUARY 2008 AS DISCOVER LANGUAGES MONTH TO BE OBSERVED IN ALL MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

**COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

**LINK TO DISTRICT**

**STRATEGIC PLAN: DEVELOP OUR STUDENTS SO THEY ARE ABLE TO SUCCESSFULLY COMPETE IN THE GLOBAL ECONOMY**

The American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Language has designated February as Discover Languages month. The observance seeks to raise awareness about the important benefits that people of all ages gain from learning languages.

Discover Languages month encourages mutual understanding and respect among nations and promotes democracy, tolerance and prosperity throughout the world. The month-long observance will motivate students to continue their language study by showing them the applicability of their linguistic and cultural knowledge in the real world and how this knowledge may be applied to their daily lives and to their future endeavors.

In support of Discover Languages month, the National Security Language Initiative (NSLI) will expand foreign language education. Through the NSLI, which is committed to advancing foreign language education in America, students will learn languages such as Arabic, Russian, Hindi and Farsi, which contribute to our Nation's security and prosperity.

Schools and educators are encouraged to organize activities and events to celebrate, educate and communicate the power of studying and learning different languages.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY  
ANA RIVAS LOGAN:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida approve Resolution No. 08-16, endorsing February 2008 as Discover Languages Month to be observed in all Miami-Dade County Public Schools

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FLORIDA, ENDORSING FEBRUARY 2008 AS DISCOVER LANGUAGES MONTH TO  
BE OBSERVED IN ALL MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

**WHEREAS**, the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Language has designated February 2008 as Discover Languages month; and

**WHEREAS**, the month-long observance seeks to raise awareness about the important benefits that people of all ages gain from learning languages; and

**WHEREAS**, Discover Languages month encourages mutual understanding and respect among nations and promotes democracy, tolerance and prosperity throughout the world; and

**WHEREAS**, in support of Discover Languages month, the National Security Language Initiative will expand language education so that students can learn languages such as Arabic, Russian, Hindi, and Farsi; and

**WHEREAS**, schools and educators are encouraged to organize activities and events to celebrate, educate and communicate the power of studying and learning different languages;

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

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida approve Resolution No. 08-16, endorsing February 2008 as Discover Languages month to be observed in all Miami-Dade County Public Schools.

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

**Presented this thirteenth day of February, A.D. 2008**

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

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CHAIR

ATTEST:

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SECRETARY