

Dr. Wilbert "Tee" Holloway, Board Member

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 08-10 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, DESIGNATING MARCH 2008 AS WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH TO BE CELEBRATED IN ALL MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

LINK TO DISTRICT

STRATEGIC PLAN: INCREASE STUDENT EXPOSURE & UNDERSTANDING OF GLOBAL ISSUES

In 1978, the Education Task Force of the Sonoma County, California Commission on the Status of Women initiated Women's History Week to celebrate the many historical and contemporary contributions of women to our nation.

In 1987, the National Women's History Project petitioned the U.S. Congress to expand the weeklong celebration to the entire month of March. Since then, each year Congress has issued a resolution designating March as Women's History Month. With each year's observance, programs, events, and activities in celebration of Women's History Month have become more extensive as information and ideas have been developed.

In 1998, the Florida Legislature amended Florida Statutes to require instruction in "women's contributions to the United States." Throughout the school year, students in Miami-Dade County Public Schools study the many contributions of women and how they have impacted history. In recognition of Women's History Month, a curriculum packet will be distributed to all schools to educate students about women's contributions to our community, state, and nation.

To honor the originality, imagination, and multiple dimensions of women's lives, ***Women's Art: Women's Vision*** has been designated as the 2008 theme.

ACTION PROPOSED BY

DR. WILBERT "TEE" HOLLOWAY:

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida approve Resolution No. 08-10, designating March 2008 as Women's History Month to be celebrated in all Miami-Dade County Public Schools

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**RESOLUTION NO. 08-10 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY,
DESIGNATING MARCH 208 AS WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH TO BE
CELEBRATED IN ALL MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

WHEREAS, in 1978, the Education Task Force of the Sonoma County, California Commission on the Status of Women initiated Women's History Week to celebrate the many historical and contemporary contributions of women to our nation; and

WHEREAS, in 1987, the National Women's History Project petitioned the U.S. Congress to expand the weeklong celebration to the entire month of March; and

WHEREAS, American women of every culture, class, and ethnic background have made historic contributions to the growth and strength of our nation in countless recorded and unrecorded ways; and

WHEREAS, the national month-long observance seeks to raise awareness about the influence of women's heritage on our nation and culture; and

WHEREAS, American women, through their many significant contributions, have been an integral part of our Nation's economic, cultural, and social fabric; and

WHEREAS, to honor the originality, imagination and multiple dimensions of women's lives, *Women's Art: Women's Vision* has been designated as the 2008 theme; and

WHEREAS, throughout the school year, students in Miami-Dade County Public Schools study the many contributions of women and how they have impacted history;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida approve Resolution No. 08-10, designating March 2008 as Women's History Month to be celebrated 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

CHAIR

ATTEST:

SECRETARY