

Mr. Agustin J. Barrera, Chair

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 08-47 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, ENDORSING NATIONAL ARBOR DAY AND RECOGNIZING CITY OF MIAMI CHAIRMAN JOE SANCHEZ FOR HIS DONATION OF 69 TREES TO BE PLANTED AT SCHOOLS IN MIAMI

COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

LINK TO DISTRICT STRATEGIC PLAN: INCREASE STUDENT EXPOSURE AND UNDERSTANDING OF GLOBAL ISSUES AND ECONOMY

Trees are an important part of the character and landscape of America's parks, forests and plains; they provide many benefits to the environment such as improving air quality, serving as windbreaks and stabilizing soils.

Observances such as Arbor Day help to raise awareness of our environment and the importance of planting trees. The first Arbor Day was organized in the 1800s by Nebraska pioneer and nature enthusiast J. Sterling Morton. A journalist who became the editor of Nebraska's first newspaper, Morton used the print medium to spread agricultural information and his enthusiasm for trees to others who shared his passion for the environment. On January 4, 1872, Morton first proposed a tree-planting holiday at a meeting of the State Board of Agriculture. The date was set for April 10, 1872. More than a century later, Arbor Day is observed across the country and the world by millions of people on the last Friday of April every year. This year National Arbor Day will be observed on April 25th.

In the spirit of developing community partnerships and encouraging environment responsibility, City of Miami Chairman Joe Sanchez has donated 69 trees to be planted throughout schools within the city of Miami on April 18, 2008 in observance of National Arbor Day. The donation demonstrates the important role that cities and schools play in promoting and encouraging the protection and planting of trees and other environmentally sound practices.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY
AGUSTIN J. BARRERA:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida approve Resolution No. 08-47, endorsing National Arbor Day and recognizing City of Miami Chairman Joe Sanchez for his donation of 69 trees to be planted at schools in Miami.

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OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, ENDORSING NATIONAL ARBOR DAY AND RECOGNIZING CITY OF MIAMI CHAIRMAN JOE SANCHEZ FOR HIS DONATION OF 69 TREES TO BE PLANTED AT SCHOOLS IN MIAMI

WHEREAS, trees are an important part of the character and landscape of America's parks, forests and plains and provide many benefits to the environment such as improving air quality, serving as windbreaks and stabilizing soils; and

WHEREAS, Arbor Day was first organized in 1872 by J. Sterling Morton, a Nebraska pioneer and nature enthusiast, who wanted to bring awareness to the importance of planting trees; and

WHEREAS, National Arbor Day is observed on the last Friday in April and will be celebrated this year on April 25th; and

WHEREAS, in the spirit of developing community partnerships and encouraging environmental responsibility, City of Miami Chairman Joe Sanchez has donated 69 trees to be planted throughout schools within the city of Miami on April 18, 2008 in observance of National Arbor Day; and

WHEREAS, cities and schools play a vital role in promoting and encouraging the protection and planting of trees and other environmentally sound practices;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida approve Resolution No. 08-47, endorsing National Arbor Day and recognizing City of Miami Chairman Joe Sanchez for his donation of 69 trees to be planted at schools in Miami.

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

Presented this sixteenth day of April, A.D. 2008

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary