

Ana Rivas Logan, Board Member

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 08-92 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, DESIGNATING SEPTEMBER 15 THROUGH OCTOBER 15 AS HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

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

Each year, Americans observe National Hispanic Heritage Month from September 15 through October 15 by celebrating the histories, cultures and contributions of American citizens whose ancestors came from Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean and Central and South America. The observance began in 1968 as Hispanic Heritage Week and was later expanded to a 31-day celebration in 1988. It was enacted into law on August 17th. Over 30 million Americans claim Hispanic origin, one of the largest ethnic groups in the nation.

Hispanic Heritage Month provides an opportunity for communities, schools, and organizations to celebrate the many accomplishments and achievements of Hispanics and Latin Americans. Many Hispanic figures, both historical and contemporary, have made countless contributions to American society in areas such as politics, law, and the arts. Hispanic culture helps to shape the American experience with a strong commitment to family, love of country, and respect for others. Throughout the school year, students in Miami-Dade County Public Schools study the many contributions of Hispanic Americans and how they have impacted history.

This year, the membership of the National Council of Hispanic Employment Program Managers voted on the top five themes selected during the national theme voting period from April 14 to April 22. Subsequently one theme was selected for this year's observance. The winning 2008 Hispanic Heritage Month theme is "*Getting Involved: Our Families, Our Community, Our Nation.*"

ACTION PROPOSED BY ANA RIVAS LOGAN:

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida approve Resolution No. 08-92 designating September 15 through October 15 as Hispanic Heritage Month in Miami-Dade County Public Schools.

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WHEREAS, each year, Americans observe National Hispanic Heritage Month from September 15 through October 15 by celebrating the histories, cultures and contributions of American citizens whose ancestors came from Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean and Central and South America; and

WHEREAS, the observance began in 1968 as Hispanic Heritage Week and was later expanded to a 31-day celebration in 1988; and

WHEREAS, Hispanic Heritage Month provides an opportunity for communities, schools, and organizations to celebrate the many accomplishments and achievements of Hispanics and Latin Americans; and

WHEREAS, more than 30 million Americans claim Hispanic origin, one of the largest ethnic groups in the nation; and

WHEREAS, many Hispanic figures, both historical and contemporary, have made countless contributions to American society in areas such as politics, law, and the arts; and

WHEREAS, the 2008 Hispanic Heritage Month theme is "*Getting Involved: Our Families, Our Community, Our Nation*";

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 08-92 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, designating September 15 through October 15 as Hispanic Heritage Month in Miami-Dade County Public Schools.

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

Presented this fifteenth day of October, A.D. 2008

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary