

Dr. Wilbert "Tee" Holloway, Member

**SUBJECT:                   REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 08-90 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, PROCLAIMING OCTOBER 5 THROUGH OCTOBER 11, 2008 AS FIRE PREVENTION WEEK AND THE MONTH OF OCTOBER AS FIRE PREVENTION MONTH**

**COMMITTEE:               SCHOOL SUPPORT ACCOUNTABILITY**

**LINK TO DISTRICT STRATEGIC PLAN:       IMPROVE SAFETY AND THE SCHOOL ENVIRONMENT**

Fire is a serious public safety concern which injures or kills thousands of people each year. According to research from the National Fire Protection Association, a leading advocate of fire prevention and an authoritative source on public safety, more than 2,500 people died in home fires in the United States in 2006, and 12,500 were injured. Fire departments responded to 396,000 home fires in the same year. Heating equipment, smoking, cooking, electrical malfunctions, and candles are a few of the causes of home fires. The observance of Fire Prevention Week and Fire Prevention Month offers us an opportunity to raise awareness about fire safety and prevention and honor the firefighters who keep us safe.

Fire Prevention Week was established to commemorate the Great Chicago Fire of 1871 which killed more than 250 people, left 100,000 homeless, destroyed more than 17,400 structures and burned more than 2,000 acres. The first National Fire Prevention Day proclamation was issued by President Woodrow Wilson in 1920. This year, National Fire Prevention Week was observed from October 5 -11, 2008. This year's theme, "It's Fire Prevention Week - Prevent Home Fires," reminds us that fire safety should be practiced every day.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY  
DR. WILBERT "TEE" HOLLOWAY:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 08-90 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, proclaiming October 5 through October 11, 2008 as Fire Prevention Week and the month of October as Fire Prevention Month.

**RESOLUTION NO. 08-90  
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,  
PROCLAIMING OCTOBER 5 THROUGH OCTOBER 11, 2008 AS FIRE PREVENTION  
WEEK AND THE MONTH OF OCTOBER AS FIRE PREVENTION MONTH**

**WHEREAS**, fire is a serious public safety concern which injures or kills thousands of people each year; and

**WHEREAS**, in the United States, more than 2,500 people died in home fires, 12,500 people were injured, and fire departments responded to 396,000 home fires in 2006; and

**WHEREAS**, the observance of Fire Prevention Week and Fire Prevention Month offers us an opportunity to raise awareness about fire safety and prevention and honor the firefighters who keep us safe; and

**WHEREAS**, Fire Prevention Week was established to commemorate the Great Chicago Fire of 1871 which killed more than 250 people, left 100,000 homeless, destroyed more than 17,400 structures and burned more than 2,000 acres; and

**WHEREAS**, this year, National Fire Prevention Week was observed from October 5 -11, 2008 under the theme "It's Fire Prevention Week - Prevent Home Fires";

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

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 08-90 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, proclaiming October 5 through October 11, 2008 as Fire Prevention Week and the month of October as Fire Prevention Month.

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

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CHAIR

ATTEST:

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Secretary