

Ms. Ana Rivas Logan, Board Member

**SUBJECT: REQUEST APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 09-37 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, PROCLAIMING APRIL 2009 AS SCHOOL LIBRARY MEDIA MONTH AND APRIL 12-18, 2009 AS NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

**COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

**LINK TO DISTRICT**

**STRATEGIC PLAN: IMPROVE INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL COMMUNICATIONS THROUGHOUT THE DISTRICT**

The mid-1950s were a time of great change in American history. Research indicates that people were spending less money on books and less time at the library. Radio, television and musical instruments were occupying people's free time. With that in mind, the non-profit National Book Committee was founded in 1954 to encourage leisure-time reading. National Library Week was developed with the idea that when people were motivated to read, they would support and use libraries.

National Library Week was first sponsored in 1958 by the American Library Association to recognize the contributions of librarians, the important work of the nation's libraries, and to promote library use. Public, school, and academic libraries are among the different types of libraries that celebrate April as National Library Week.

This year National Library Week will be celebrated on April 12-18, under the theme "Worlds Connect @ Your Library." Many school libraries expand this idea by recognizing April as School Library Media Month. It is an excellent opportunity for schools to promote books and to boost literacy through special events and programs.

Miami-Dade County Public Schools is a strong advocate of literacy and library use. Early childhood reading is an important component of academic success. Strong reading skills will improve student's learning ability in all subjects and will serve them well throughout their lives.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY**

**MS. ANA RIVAS LOGAN:** That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 09-37 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, proclaiming April 2009 as School Library Media Month and April 12-18, 2009 as National Library Week in Miami-Dade County Public Schools.

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**WHEREAS**, National Library Week was first sponsored in 1958 by the American Library Association to recognize the contributions of librarians, the important work of the nation's libraries, and to promote library use; and

**WHEREAS**, this year National Library Week will be celebrated on April 12-18, under the theme "Worlds Connect @ Your Library"; and

**WHEREAS**, many school libraries expand this idea by recognizing April as School Library Media Month, using it as an excellent opportunity to promote books and to boost literacy through special events and programs; and

**WHEREAS**, understanding that early childhood reading is an important component of academic success, Miami-Dade County Public Schools is a strong advocate of literacy and library use; and

**WHEREAS**, strong reading skills will improve student's learning ability in all subjects and will serve them well throughout their lives;

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

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 09-37 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, proclaiming April 2009 as School Library Media Month and April 12-18, 2009 as National Library Week in Miami-Dade County Public Schools.

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

**Presented this twenty-fifth day of March, A.D. 2009**

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

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CHAIR

ATTEST:

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Secretary