

Ms. Perla Tabares Hantman, Board Member

SUBJECT: REQUEST APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 09-26 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, PROCLAIMING APRIL 2009 AS CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT PREVENTION MONTH IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

COMMITTEE: INNOVATION, EFFICIENCY AND GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

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

Twenty-seven years ago, Congress designated the week of June 6-12 as National Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Week. A year later, the observation was expanded to a month as April was declared National Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Month. This is a time to raise awareness of child abuse and neglect and to encourage individuals and communities to support prevention efforts and programs.

The first federal child protection legislation was introduced in 1974 as the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (CAPTA). CAPTA was revised many times over the next 32 years. In 2003, the Keeping Children and Families Safe Act was passed with the same purpose as CAPTA. Currently, the Child Abuse Prevention Initiative reaches out to communities in an attempt to improve parenting skills and support family togetherness.

The Blue Ribbon Campaign to Prevent Child Abuse had its grassroots beginnings in 1989 with a grandmother's tribute to her grandson's death, which was caused by abuse. She tied a blue ribbon to her car antenna as a way to honor him and bring awareness of child abuse in her community. Years later, her touching act has become a national symbol of the campaign. Other blue ribbon events include prevention programs, candlelight vigils and fundraisers across the country.

As an advocate for children, Miami-Dade County Public Schools honors the spirit of National Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Month everyday. The District is committed to providing a safe and nurturing learning environment for students to flourish and thrive.

ACTION PROPOSED BY

MS. PERLA TABARES HANTMAN, BOARD MEMBER: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 09-26 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, proclaiming April 2009 as Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Month in Miami-Dade County Public Schools.

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PROCLAIMING APRIL 2009 AS CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT PREVENTION MONTH IN
MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

WHEREAS, twenty-seven years ago, Congress designated the week of June 6-12 as National Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Week; and

WHEREAS, a year later, the observation was expanded to a month as April was declared National Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Month; and

WHEREAS, the Blue Ribbon Campaign to Prevent Child Abuse had its grassroots beginnings in 1989 with a grandmother's tribute to her grandson's death, which was caused by abuse, and now her touching act of tying a blue ribbon to her car antenna has become a national symbol of the campaign; and

WHEREAS, National Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Month is a time to raise awareness of child abuse and neglect, as well as to encourage individuals and communities to support prevention efforts and programs; and

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County Public Schools honors the spirit of National Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Month everyday by providing a safe and nurturing learning environment for students to flourish and thrive;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 09-26 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, proclaiming April 2009 as Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Month 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

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary