

Ms. Perla Tabares Hantman, Board Member

SUBJECT: REQUEST APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 09-27 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, PROCLAIMING APRIL 22, 2009, AS EARTH DAY IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

COMMITTEE: INNOVATION, EFFICIENCY AND GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

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

On April 22, 1970, the country celebrated its first Earth Day. As environmental issues and concerns have come to the forefront, Earth Day has become a global event as a worldwide campaign for change and reform. Millions of Earth Day observers come together every April 22 to support environmental initiatives spanning the globe.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency was opened in December 1970 in response to the growing concerns regarding pollution and other environmental issues. The agency's goal is to protect the environment, including air, water and land, as well as to safeguard human health.

Over the past 29 years, Earth Day has become a global symbol of hope and unity. It has taught a new generation to learn from the mistakes of the past to ensure a more sustainable future for the planet.

Miami-Dade County Public Schools offers curriculum and programs that ensure that all students understand the importance of protecting the environment. Students are not only preparing for academic success, they are preparing for life beyond the classroom as conscious citizens of the world.

ACTION PROPOSED BY MS. PERLA TABARES HANTMAN, BOARD MEMBER: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 09-27 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, proclaiming April 22, 2009, as Earth Day in Miami-Dade County Public Schools.

**RESOLUTION NO. 09-27
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
PROCLAIMING APRIL 22, 2009, AS EARTH DAY IN
MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

WHEREAS, April 22, 1970, marked the first observance of Earth Day in the United States; and

WHEREAS, as environmental issues and concerns have come to the forefront, Earth Day has become a global event as a worldwide campaign for change and reform; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency was opened in December 1970 to protect the environment, including air, water and land, as well as to safeguard human health; and

WHEREAS, over the past 29 years, Earth Day has become an international symbol of hope and unity with millions of people coming together each year on April 22 to support environmental initiatives spanning the globe; and

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County Public Schools offers curriculum and programs that ensure that all students understand the importance of protecting the environment;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 09-27 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, proclaiming April 22, 2009, as Earth Day 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