

March 8, 2010

Ms. Ana Rivas Logan, Board Member

**SUBJECT: REQUEST APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 10-022 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, PROCLAIMING APRIL 2010 AS SCHOOL LIBRARY MEDIA MONTH AND APRIL 11-17, 2010 AS NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

**COMMITTEE: INNOVATION, EFFICIENCY AND GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS**

**LINK TO STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK: EDUCATION**

The non-profit National Book Committee was founded in 1954 in response to research that suggested Americans were spending less money on books and even less time at their local library. The committee was created to foster a strong and happy family life, encourage leisure-time reading, and improve income and health.

Four years later, the National Book Committee created National Library Week with the goal of increasing library use by motivating people to read. The first National Library Week was sponsored by the American Library Association to promote library use and support, honor the contributions of library workers, and recognize the important work of the nation's libraries. Public, school, and academic libraries are among the different types of libraries that celebrate National Library Week in April.

This year, National Library Week will be celebrated on April 11-17, under the theme "Communities thrive @ your library." In addition, many school libraries expand this idea by recognizing April as School Library Media Month. It is an excellent opportunity for schools and the surrounding community to recognize the essential role school libraries play in enriching a student's education through special events and programs.

Miami-Dade County Public Schools understands the importance of literacy and library use in a child's education. Fostering vocabulary, phonics, and text comprehension skills as well as reading purposefully and learning from materials of interest are paramount to a student's academic success.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY  
MS. ANA RIVAS LOGAN:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 10-022 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, proclaiming April 2010 as School Library Media Month and April 11-17, 2010 as National Library Week in Miami-Dade County Public Schools.

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OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,  
PROCLAIMING APRIL 2010 AS SCHOOL LIBRARY MEDIA MONTH AND  
APRIL 11-17, 2010 AS NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK IN  
MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

**WHEREAS**, National Library Week was established to promote library use and support, honor the contributions of library workers, and recognize the important work of the nation's libraries; and

**WHEREAS**, this year, National Library Week will be celebrated on April 11-17, under the theme "Communities thrive @ your library"; and

**WHEREAS**, many school libraries celebrate School Library Media Month, using it as an opportunity to recognize the essential role school libraries play in enriching a student's education through special events and programs; and

**WHEREAS**, Miami-Dade County Public Schools understands the importance of literacy and library use in a child's education; and

**WHEREAS**, fostering vocabulary, phonics, and text comprehension skills as well as reading purposefully and learning from materials of interest are paramount to a student's academic success;

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

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 10-022 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, proclaiming April 2010 as School Library Media Month and April 11-17, 2010 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 seventeenth day of March, A.D. 2010**

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

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CHAIR

ATTEST:

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Secretary