

Ms. Perla Tabares Hantman, Vice Chair

SUBJECT: REQUEST APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 10-016 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, PROCLAIMING APRIL 2010 AS CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT PREVENTION MONTH IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

COMMITTEE: INNOVATION, EFFICIENCY AND GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

LINK TO STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK: STUDENT, PARENT, AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Miami-Dade County Public Schools is dedicated to helping prevent child abuse through support of National Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Month. It is the District's mission to provide a safe and nurturing learning environment for all students.

In 1974, the first federal child protection legislation was passed as the Child Abuse and Prevention and Treatment Act (CAPTA). CAPTA has been amended many times over the years to ensure the safety and welfare of children. The most recent revision was the Keeping Children and Families Safe Act of 2003. In addition, the Child Abuse Prevention Initiative reaches out to communities in an attempt to enhance parenting skills, nurture child safety and support family togetherness.

Congress continued its commitment to identifying and implementing child abuse solutions in the early 1980s. The first National Child Abuse Prevention Week was observed during the week of June 6-12, 1982. A year later, the first National Child Prevention Month was recognized. Child abuse and neglect prevention activities and awareness have been promoted across the country for the past 27 years.

The Blue Ribbon Campaign to Prevent Child Abuse was created 21 years ago in response to a Virginia grandmother's grief due to her grandson's abuse-related death. The grandmother's blue ribbon tied to her car antenna became her tribute to her grandson and brought child abuse awareness to the forefront of her community and the nation. The blue ribbon has become a national symbol of the grassroots campaign. Blue ribbon events include fundraisers, candlelight vigils, and prevention programs. In recent years, the events celebrate "blue ribbon" individuals and organizations that work on behalf of child abuse prevention.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY VICE CHAIR
PERLA TABARES HANTMAN:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 10-016 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, proclaiming April 2010 as Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Month in Miami-Dade County Public Schools.

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OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
PROCLAIMING APRIL 2010 AS CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT PREVENTION MONTH IN
MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County Public Schools is dedicated to helping prevent child abuse through support of National Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Month. It is the District's mission to provide a safe and nurturing learning environment for all students; and

WHEREAS, in 1974, the first federal child protection legislation was passed as the Child Abuse and Prevention and Treatment Act; and

WHEREAS, the first National Child Abuse Prevention Week was observed during the week of June 6-12, 1982; and

WHEREAS, a year later, the first National Child Prevention Month was recognized. Child abuse and neglect prevention activities and awareness have been promoted across the country for the past 27 years; and

WHEREAS, the Blue Ribbon Campaign to Prevent Child Abuse was created 21 years ago in response to a Virginia grandmother's grief due to her grandson's abuse-related death and has become a national symbol of the grassroots campaign;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 10-016 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, proclaiming April 2010 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 seventeenth day of March, A.D. 2010

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary