

Ms. Perla Tabares Hantman, Vice Chair

**SUBJECT:                   REQUEST APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 10-017 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, PROCLAIMING APRIL 22, 2010, AS EARTH DAY IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

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

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

Earth Day is a worldwide campaign for change and reform that has brought attention to environmental issues and concerns. The first Earth Day in the United States was celebrated on April 22, 1970. It has become a global event, bringing together millions of Earth Day observers every year to support environmental initiatives spanning the globe.

In December 1970, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency was established to address the growing concerns regarding pollution and other environmental issues. The agency's goal is to safeguard human health through protecting the environment, including air, water and land.

Earth Day has become a global symbol of hope and unity over the past 40 years. A younger generation has gained a better appreciation of the environment by learning from the mistakes of the past to ensure a more sustainable future for the planet.

With the creation of TERRA Environmental Research Institute, Miami-Dade County Public Schools has become a leader in environmental education. TERRA, the school district's first green school, is a perfect example of the District's commitment to eco-friendly practices. These environmental principles are infused in the school's curriculum as well as throughout the school system at all levels.

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

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 10-017 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, proclaiming April 22, 2010, as Earth Day in Miami-Dade County Public Schools.

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OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,  
PROCLAIMING APRIL 22, 2010, AS EARTH DAY IN  
MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

**WHEREAS**, Earth Day is a worldwide campaign for change and reform that has brought attention to environmental issues and concerns. The first Earth Day in the United States was celebrated on April 22, 1970; and

**WHEREAS**, Earth Day has become a global event bringing together millions of observers every year to support environmental initiatives spanning the globe; and

**WHEREAS**, in December 1970, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency was established with the goal of safeguarding human health through protecting the environment, including air, water and land; and

**WHEREAS**, Earth Day has become a global symbol of hope and unity over the past 40 years; and

**WHEREAS**, with the creation of TERRA Environmental Research Institute, Miami-Dade County Public Schools has become a leader in environmental education. TERRA, the school District's first green school, is a perfect example of the district's commitment to eco-friendly practices;

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

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 10-017 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, proclaiming April 22, 2010, 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 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