

Ms. Perla Tabares Hantman, Vice Chair

**SUBJECT: REQUEST APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 10-020 OF THE
SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
PROMOTING MARCH 2010 AS FLORIDA BICYCLE MONTH**

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

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

Since 1956, the League of American Bicyclists has designated a special month out of the year to promote safe bicycle riding in the United States. In Florida, the Governor has officially proclaimed March 2010 as Florida Bicycle Month.

The mission of Florida Bicycle Month is to raise awareness of bicycling issues in our communities, encourage more people to ride safely and to celebrate the health and wellness benefits of bicycle riding. It is believed that bicycling at an early age will instill habits of physical activity throughout a person's lifetime, avoid obesity and reduce the rise of many chronic diseases. According to the National Longitudinal Study of Youth, childhood obesity rates have more than doubled in the past twenty years. Walking or bicycling to and from schools would serve as an ideal physical activity to help combat and reduce these numbers.

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) and many local governments, including the City of Miami, have adopted goals and policies to develop a multi-modal transportation system that supports transportation choices including bicycles. The Conserve by Bicycle Study conducted by FDOT indicated that bicycling activity can be encouraged through effective programs and partnerships that target distinct populations of school children, commuters and diverse groups for recreation and physical activity promotion. On a local level, the University of Miami/Miller School of Medicine has initiated a BikeSafe Program that was endorsed by the School Board on December 9, 2009, to help improve bicycle safety and increase ridership throughout the county. The initial pilot curriculum is currently being implemented at Tacolcy Park/Center in the Liberty City area.

ACTION PROPOSED BY

VICE CHAIR MS. PERLA TABARES HANTMAN: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 10-020 of the School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, promoting March 2010 as Florida Bicycle Month.

**RESOLUTION NO. 10-020
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
PROMOTING MARCH 2010 AS FLORIDA BICYCLE MONTH**

WHEREAS, since 1956, the League of American Bicyclists has designated a special month out of the year to promote safe bicycle riding in the United States. In Florida, the Governor has officially proclaimed March 2010 as Florida Bicycle Month; and

WHEREAS, the mission of Florida Bicycle Month is to raise awareness of bicycling issues in our communities, encourage more people to ride safely and to celebrate the health and wellness benefits of bicycle riding ; and

WHEREAS, bicycling at an early age can instill habits of physical activity throughout a person's lifetime, avoid obesity and reduce the rise of many chronic diseases; and

WHEREAS, the Conserve by Bicycle Study conducted by the Florida Department of Transportation indicated that bicycling activity can be encouraged through effective programs and partnerships that target distinct populations of school children, commuters and diverse groups for recreation and physical activity promotion; and

WHEREAS, the University of Miami/Miller School of Medicine has initiated a BikeSafe Program that was endorsed by the School Board on December 9, 2009, to help improve bicycle safety and increase ridership throughout the county. The initial pilot curriculum is currently being implemented at Tacolcy Park/Center in the Liberty City area;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 10-020 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, promoting March 2010 as Florida Bicycle Month.

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