

Dr. Lawrence S. Feldman, Vice Chair

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**SUBJECT:                   REQUEST APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 10-099 OF  
THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,  
RECOGNIZING FARMWORKER WEEK**

**COMMITTEE:               INSTRUCTIONAL   EXCELLENCE    AND   COMMUNITY  
ENGAGEMENT**

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

The first Farmworker Week was officially recognized November 18-24, 1979 by Governor Bob Graham to pay homage to and recognize the work of farmworkers. Since its inception, Farmworker Week has been observed in various ways by several groups throughout Florida through the united efforts of farmworkers, advocacy groups, and dedicated individuals.

A champion of the cause of migrant and farmworker families, Ms. Maria Garza serves the local migrant worker community at the Department of Human Services' South Dade County Adult Skills Center in Homestead. She is also the co-founder and president of the Mexican American Council, a nonprofit organization dedicated to improving the lives of migrant farmworkers through education. Since 1987, Ms. Garza has worked to recognize the efforts of Miami-Dade farmworkers through a week of activities culminating in Farmworker Celebration Week. Last year's event featured an awards presentation, fashion show, art, and an authentic Mexican lunch. This year's event was held on November 18, 2010 at the South Dade County Adult Skills Center.

Miami-Dade County Public Schools commends the Department of Human Services' South Dade County Adult Skills Center and Ms. Maria Garza for their dedication, efforts and commitment to enriching the lives of farmworkers and their families.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY VICE CHAIR  
DR. LAWRENCE S. FELDMAN:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 10-099 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Farmworker Celebration Week and the efforts of Ms. Maria Garza on behalf of migrant and farmworker families.

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**RESOLUTION NO. 10-099  
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,  
RECOGNIZING FARMWORKER CELEBRATION WEEK AND THE EFFORTS OF  
MS. MARIA GARZA ON BEHALF OF MIGRANT AND FARMWORKER FAMILIES**

**WHEREAS**, the first Farmworker Week was officially recognized November 18-24, 1979 by Governor Bob Graham to pay homage to and recognize the work of farmworkers; and

**WHEREAS**, since its inception, Farmworker Week has been observed in various ways by several groups throughout Florida through the united efforts of farmworkers, advocacy groups, and dedicated individuals; and

**WHEREAS**, a champion of the cause of migrant and farmworker families, Ms. Maria Garza serves the local migrant worker community at the Department of Human Services' South Dade County Adult Skills Center in Homestead; and

**WHEREAS**, since 1987, Ms. Garza has worked to recognize the efforts of Miami-Dade farmworkers through a week of activities culminating in Farmworker Celebration Week. This year's event was held on November 18, 2010 at the South Dade County Adult Skills Center; and

**WHEREAS**, Miami-Dade County Public Schools commends the Department of Human Services' South Dade County Adult Skills Center and Ms. Maria Garza for their dedication, efforts and commitment to enriching the lives of farmworkers and their families;

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

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 10-099 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Farmworker Celebration Week and the efforts of Ms. Maria Garza on behalf of migrant and farmworker families.

A copy of this resolution is placed in the permanent records of this Board.

**Presented this twenty-fourth day of November, A.D. 2010**

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

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CHAIR

ATTEST:

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Secretary