

Dr. Wilbert "Tee" Holloway, Member

**SUBJECT:                   REQUEST THAT THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 11-001 ENDORSING FEBRUARY 2011 AS NATIONAL BLACK HISTORY MONTH TO BE CELEBRATED IN ALL OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY'S PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

**COMMITTEE:               INSTRUCTIONAL   EXCELLENCE    AND   COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

**LINK TO STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK:           EDUCATION**

The first national observance of Black history was initiated by American historian Dr. Carter G. Woodson who established Black History Week in February 1926 to commemorate and celebrate the contributions to our nation made by African Americans. In 1976, as part of the nation's bicentennial, the week was expanded to Black History Month. The Association for the Study of African American Life and History, founded by Dr. Woodson, selects a theme each year for the observance of Black History Month. This year's national theme is "African Americans and the Civil War."

The purpose of Black History Month is to call attention to the many educational, cultural, social, spiritual, and economic contributions of African Americans to the United States. Black history is studied and woven into all subjects throughout the year in Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS). M-DCPS is committed to equity in education for all students and to providing a learning environment that is reflective of the cultures, traditions, customs and historic legacies that comprise the District's population. Given the importance of the instruction of Black history, citizenship, and multiculturalism in our curriculum, it is appropriate that the School Board endorse National Black History Month and encourage its celebration in all of Miami-Dade County's public schools.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY DR. WILBERT "TEE" HOLLOWAY:**   That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 11-001 endorsing February 2011 as National Black History Month to be celebrated in all of Miami-Dade County's public schools.

**RESOLUTION NO. 11-001  
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY,  
FLORIDA ENDORSING FEBRUARY 2011 AS NATIONAL BLACK HISTORY MONTH  
TO BE CELEBRATED IN ALL OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY'S PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Carter G. Woodson established Black History Week in February 1926, which has since expanded to a month-long observance, to commemorate and celebrate the contributions to our nation made by African Americans; and

**WHEREAS**, the purpose of Black History Month is to call attention to the many educational, cultural, social, spiritual and economic contributions of African Americans to the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, the Association for the Study of African American Life and History selected "African Americans and the Civil War" as this year's national theme; and

**WHEREAS**, African American history is studied and woven into all subjects throughout the year in Miami-Dade County Public Schools; and

**WHEREAS**, Miami-Dade County Public Schools is committed to equity in education for all students and to providing a learning environment that is reflective of the cultures, traditions, customs, and historic legacies that comprise the District's population;

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

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 11-001 endorsing February 2011 as National Black History Month to be celebrated in all of Miami-Dade County's public schools.

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

**Presented this twelfth day of January, A.D. 2011**

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

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CHAIR

ATTEST:

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SECRETARY