

Ms. Perla Tabares Hantman, Chair

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 11-029 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, ENDORSING NATIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH WEEK, APRIL 4-10, 2011

COMMITTEE: INNOVATION, EFFICIENCY AND GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

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

National Public Health Week is celebrated during the first full week in April each year, to help promote injury awareness and prevention. The American Public Health Association organizes the event, focusing on a different topic each year. This year's theme is "**Safety is NO Accident: Live Injury-Free**", with the goal of helping Americans live injury-free at all times when at home, at school, on the move and in our communities.

To help towards achieving this goal, the American Public Health Association provides the following key steps to prevent injuries and protect individuals and their families. Most of these messages are reinforced throughout the year under various safety initiatives that I sponsor, such as the International Walk to School Day events, Safe Routes to School Program, National Teen Driver Safety Week, and poison prevention tips highlighted during National Poison Prevention Week in March.

At Home:

- Install and maintain smoke and carbon monoxide detectors in your home
- Establish an evacuation plan from your home in the event of an emergency
- Have water heater checked and adjusted periodically to avoid burns

On the Move:

- Wear a seatbelt in the car, and install and use child safety seats correctly
- Wear a helmet when on a bike, skateboard, scooter or other motor vehicles to avoid head injuries
- Avoid texting, eating, using the cell phone or grooming while driving

In our communities

- Use sidewalks and avoid jaywalking; be mindful of the environment and be cautious when crossing the road, even at familiar intersections in your own neighborhood
- Walk facing traffic and make yourself visible at night

Consider that two-thirds of children killed by bicycle-related injuries could have been saved by wearing a helmet, or that having a working smoke alarm lowers the risk of death from a house fire by 50%. Taking these simple steps to prevent injuries is more than just common sense; it works.

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

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 11-029 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, endorsing National Public Health Week, April 4-10, 2011

**RESOLUTION NO. 11-029
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, ENDORSING
NATIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH WEEK, APRIL 4-10, 2011**

WHEREAS, National Public Health Week is celebrated during the first full week in April each year, to help promote injury awareness and prevention in our communities. The American Public Health Association organizes the event, focusing on a different topic each year; and

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WHEREAS, to help towards achieving this goal, the American Public Health Association provides the following key steps to prevent injuries and protect individuals and their families. Most of these messages are reinforced throughout the year under various safety initiatives sponsored by School Board Chairman, Perla Tabares Hantman, such as the International Walk to School Day events, Safe Routes to School Program, National Teen Driver Safety Week, and poison prevention tips highlighted during National Poison Prevention Week in March.

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WHEREAS, National Public Health Week is a yearly observance to encourage communities to follow these easy examples to help prevent injuries: it is more than just common sense—it works.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 11-029 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, endorsing National Public Health Week, April 4-10, 2011.

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

Presented this ninth day of March, A.D. 2011

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary