

Dr. Dorothy Bendross-Mindingall, Board Member

**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 11-118 OF THE
SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, OBSERVING
OCTOBER 2011 AS NATIONAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS
MONTH**

COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

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

Created by the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence (NCADV), Domestic Violence Awareness Month (DVAM) evolved from the "Day of Unity" in October 1981. The purpose was to connect advocates across the nation who were working to end violence against women and children. In October 1987, the first Domestic Violence Awareness Month was observed. In 1989, the U.S. Congress passed Public Law 101-112 designating October of that year as National Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

An act of domestic violence occurs every 12 seconds in the United States. Domestic violence has no regard for socio-economic status, race, ethnicity, religion, employment status, physical ableness, age, education, marital status, or sexual orientation. Children who merely witness domestic violence suffer severe negative consequences. Domestic violence remains a devastating public health concern that demands significant consideration.

In 1995, the National Resource Center on Domestic Violence convened several national domestic violence organizations to launch a new initiative to support awareness of domestic violence programs and education efforts for Domestic Violence Awareness Month, which became known as the Domestic Violence Awareness Project (DVAP). The DVAP collaborates to collect, develop and distribute resources and relevant concepts to ongoing public and prevention awareness and education efforts throughout the year. In doing so, DVAP supports the rights of all individuals, especially women and children, to live in peace and dignity.

Miami-Dade County Public Schools joins the nation in observing the month of October as National Domestic Violence Awareness Month on behalf of those who have experienced domestic violence as well as those who work tirelessly to end the abuse.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY
DR. DOROTHY BENDROSS-MINDINGALL:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 11-118 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, observing October 2011 as National Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

**RESOLUTION NO. 11-118
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
OBSERVING OCTOBER 2011 AS NATIONAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH**

WHEREAS, created by the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence (NCADV), Domestic Violence Awareness Month (DVAM) evolved from the "Day of Unity" in October 1981. The purpose was to connect advocates across the nation who were working to end violence against women and children; and

WHEREAS, in October 1987, the first Domestic Violence Awareness Month was observed. In 1989, the U.S. Congress passed Public Law 101-112 designating October of that year as National Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Since then, such legislation has passed every year with the NCADV providing key leadership in this effort; and

WHEREAS, an act of domestic violence occurs every 12 seconds in the U.S. Domestic violence has no regard for socio-economic status, race, ethnicity, religion, employment status, physical ableness, age, education, marital status, or sexual orientation. Children who merely witness domestic violence suffer severe negative consequences. Domestic violence remains a devastating public health concern that demands significant consideration; and

WHEREAS, in 1995, the National Resource Center on Domestic Violence convened several national domestic violence organizations to launch a new initiative to support awareness of domestic violence programs and education efforts for Domestic Violence Awareness Month, which became known as the Domestic Violence Awareness Project (DVAP); and

WHEREAS, the DVAP collaborates to collect, develop and distribute resources and relevant concepts to ongoing public and prevention awareness and education efforts throughout the year. In doing so, DVAP supports the rights of all individuals, especially women and children, to live in peace and dignity; and

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County Public Schools joins the nation in observing the month of October as National Domestic Violence Awareness Month on behalf of those who have experienced domestic violence as well as those who work tirelessly to end the abuse;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 11-118 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, observing October 2011 as National Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

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

Presented this nineteenth day of October A.D. 2011

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary