

Dr. Lawrence S. Feldman, Vice Chair

**SUBJECT:                   REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 11-124 OF  
THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,  
RECOGNIZING NOVEMBER 20-27, 2011, AS ANNUAL  
FARMWORKER WEEK**

**COMMITTEE:           INSTRUCTIONAL       EXCELLENCE       AND       COMMUNITY  
ENGAGEMENT**

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

Farmworker Week has been celebrated in various forms and by several groups throughout the state each year since its inception in 1979. Through the united efforts of advocacy groups, dedicated individuals, and the farmworkers themselves, Farmworker Week was recognized by then-Governor Bob Graham, who gave audience to the concerns of this most special worker in the American landscape. The first Farmworker Week was officially celebrated on November 18-24, 1979, paying special homage to the fruit and labor of the farmworker, which is all the more poignant during the Thanksgiving season. Today, 32 years later, we continue to recognize the work and toil of our farmworkers and are proud of local community agencies and individuals' efforts to celebrate their plight and successes.

Many individuals have championed the cause of migrant and farmworker families in Miami-Dade County, and among them is Ms. Maria Garza, who serves the local migrant worker community at the Department of Human Services' South Dade County Adult Skills Center in Homestead. Since 1987, Ms. Garza has worked to recognize the efforts and strides made by this special group of workers 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 is being celebrated this week, November 20-27, 2011.

Miami-Dade County Public Schools commends the Department of Human Services' South Dade County Adult Skills Center and Ms. Maria Garza for their dedication and commitment to the educational growth and development of Miami-Dade County's migrant and farmworker families.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY**

**DR. LAWRENCE S. FELDMAN:** That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 11-124 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing November 20-27, 2011, as annual Farmworker Week.

**Replacement  
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**RESOLUTION NO. 11-124  
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,  
RECOGNIZING NOVEMBER 20-27, 2011, AS ANNUAL FARMWORKER WEEK**

**WHEREAS**, Farmworker Week has been celebrated in various forms and by several groups throughout the state each year since its inception in 1979. Through the united efforts of advocacy groups, dedicated individuals, and the farmworkers themselves, Farmworker Week was recognized by then-Governor Bob Graham, who gave audience to the concerns of this most special worker in the American landscape; and

**WHEREAS**, the first Farmworker Week was officially celebrated on November 18-24, 1979, paying special homage to the fruit and labor of the farmworker, which is all the more poignant during the Thanksgiving season; and

**WHEREAS**, today, 32 years later, we continue to recognize the work and toil of our farmworkers and are proud of local community agencies and individuals' efforts to celebrate their plight and successes; and

**WHEREAS**, many individuals have championed the cause of migrant and farmworker families in Miami-Dade County, and among them is Ms. Maria Garza, who 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 and strides made by this special group of workers through a week of activities culminating in the Farmworker Celebration Week. Last year's event featured an awards presentation, fashion show, art and an authentic Mexican lunch. This year's event is being celebrated this week, November 20-27, 2011; 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 and commitment to the educational growth and development of Miami-Dade County's migrant and farmworker families;

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

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 11-124 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing November 20-27, 2011 as annual Farmworker Week.

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

**Presented this twenty-second day of November, A.D. 2011**

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

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CHAIR

ATTEST:

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Secretary