

Dr. Martin Karp, Vice-Chair

**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 13-038 OF
THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA
RECOGNIZING THE DAYS OF REMEMBRANCE OF THE
VICTIMS OF THE HOLOCAUST TO BE APRIL 7-14, 2013,
INCLUDING THE DAY OF REMEMBRANCE KNOWN AS YOM
HASHOAH, APRIL 8, 2013, TO BE OBSERVED IN ALL OF
MIAMI-DADE COUNTY'S PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

**COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY
ENGAGEMENT**

**LINK TO STRATEGIC
FRAMEWORK: EDUCATION**

The United States Congress established the Days of Remembrance as our nation's annual commemoration of the Holocaust and created the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum as a permanent living memorial to the victims. This year, Days of Remembrance of the victims of the Holocaust takes place from April 7 through April 14, including the Day of Remembrance know as Yom Hashoah, April 8, 2013. The Museum designated "Never Again: Heeding the Warning Signs" as the theme for this year's observance.

Each year, Miami-Dade County Public Schools emphasizes Holocaust education in an effort to teach children tolerance so that such crimes are not repeated against any group. Training is conducted for teachers at the University of Miami and a Holocaust Remembrance Week is held in cooperation with the Holocaust Memorial in Miami Beach.

Schools throughout the District receive an updated curriculum packet from the Department of Social Sciences and Holocaust survivors visit schools on request throughout April and May.

The Holocaust demonstrates one of the greatest lessons about individual responsibility that each of us has the choice to act or not to act, and that there are consequences to our decisions.

Remembrance obligates us not only to memorialize those who were killed, but also to reflect on what could have been done to save them. Those who survived tell us that as many faced their horrific deaths their last words were "Remember us. Tell our story."

**ACTION PROPOSED BY
DR. MARTIN KARP:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 13-038, recognizing April 7-14, 2013 as Days of Remembrance of the Victims of the Holocaust, including the Day of Remembrance known as Yom Hashoah, April 8, 2013, to be observed in all of Miami-Dade County's public schools.

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APRIL 7-14, 2013 AS DAYS OF REMEMBRANCE OF THE VICTIMS OF THE
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WHEREAS, the United States Congress established the Days of Remembrance as our nation's annual commemoration of the Holocaust and created the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum as a permanent living memorial to the victims; and

WHEREAS, this year, Days of Remembrance takes place from April 7 through April 14, 2013 and will be observed under the theme "Never Again: Heeding the Warning Signs;" and

WHEREAS, each year, Miami-Dade County Public Schools emphasizes Holocaust education in an effort to teach children tolerance so that such crimes are not repeated against any group; and

WHEREAS, the Holocaust demonstrates one of the greatest lessons about individual responsibility – that each of us has the choice to act or not to act, and that there are consequences to our decisions; and

WHEREAS, remembrance obligates us not only to memorialize those who were killed, but also to reflect on what could have been done to save them. Those who survived tell us that as many faced their horrific deaths their last words were "Remember us. Tell our story."

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 13-038 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida recognizing April 7-14, 2013 as Days of Remembrance of the Victims of the Holocaust, including the Day of Remembrance known as Yom Hashoah, April 8, 2013, to be observed 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 thirteenth day of March, A.D. 2013

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary