REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 14-049 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING JUNE 2014 AS NATIONAL CARIBBEAN-AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

SCHOOL SUPPORT ACCOUNTABILITY

STUDENT, PARENT, AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

In June 2005, the U.S. House of Representatives unanimously adopted a resolution, sponsored by Congresswoman Barbara Lee, recognizing the significance of Caribbean people and their descendants in the history and culture of the United States. A year later, the resolution similarly passed the Senate, culminating a two-year, bipartisan and bicameral effort. Since then, the White House has issued a proclamation annually recognizing June as Caribbean-American Heritage Month. This year marks the eighth anniversary of the month-long celebration.

The campaign to create National Caribbean-American Heritage Month was spearheaded by Dr. Claire Nelson, founder and president of the Institute of Caribbean Studies (ICS), a non-partisan, non-profit organization established in 1993, dedicated to education, advocacy and action on issues that impact Caribbean Americans.

The purpose of the Institute is to provide a forum for the public and private sector, the non-government organization community, scholars and others interested in promoting a dialogue; and to assist in the execution of actions that result from that dialogue.

Since its inception, ICS has been at the forefront of the challenge to bring attention to issues of critical importance to the Caribbean-American community, which is estimated at near 10 million. Caribbean-American Heritage Month ensures that Americans from all walks of life learn of the many contributions of the Caribbean peoples to the nation.

National Caribbean-American Heritage Month will contribute to a celebration of the history, culture and traditions of Caribbean Americans. National Caribbean-American Heritage Month is scheduled for June 2014.

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 14-049 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing June 2014 as National Caribbean-American Heritage Month.

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RESOLUTION NO. 14-049
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
RECOGNIZING JUNE 2014 AS NATIONAL CARIBBEAN-AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

WHEREAS, in June 2005, the U.S. House of Representatives unanimously adopted a resolution, sponsored by Congresswoman Barbara Lee, recognizing the significance of Caribbean people and their descendants in the history and culture of the United States. A year later, the resolution similarly passed the Senate, culminating a two-year, bipartisan and bicameral effort; and

WHEREAS, the White House has issued a proclamation annually recognizing June as Caribbean-American Heritage Month. This year marks the eighth anniversary of the month-long celebration.

WHEREAS, the campaign to create National Caribbean-American Heritage Month was spearheaded by Dr. Claire Nelson, founder and president of the Institute of Caribbean Studies (ICS), a non-partisan, non-profit organization established in 1993, dedicated to education, advocacy and action on issues that impact Caribbean Americans; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Institute is to provide a forum for the public and private sector, the non-government organization community, scholars and others interested in promoting a dialogue; and to assist in the execution of actions that result from that dialogue; and

WHEREAS, ICS has been at the forefront of the challenge to bring attention to issues of critical importance to the Caribbean-American community, which is estimated at near 10 million; and

WHEREAS, National Caribbean-American Heritage Month will contribute to a celebration of the history, culture and traditions of Caribbean Americans. National Caribbean-American Heritage Month is scheduled for June 2014;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 14-049 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing June 2014 as National Caribbean-American Heritage Month.

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

Presented this seventh day of May, A.D. 2014

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

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CHAIR

ATTEST:

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Secretary