

Ms. Lubby Navarro, Board Member

SUBJECT: REQUEST APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 18-035 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING NATIONAL SAFE BOATING WEEK MAY 19-25, 2018

COMMITTEE: FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY & GOVERNMENT RELATIONS

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The National Safe Boating Council (NSBC) embarks every year on a public awareness campaign as part of the National Safe Boating Week, May 19 – May 25, 2018. The National Safe Boating Week is normally scheduled to commence a week prior to Memorial Day Weekend in order to educate communities across the country about the importance of safe boating practices, and specifically about wearing a life jacket while on the water with a goal of preventing unwarranted deaths due to drowning.

According to the U.S. Coast Guard's 2016 Recreational Boating Safety Statistics, drowning was reported as the cause of death in three-fourths of all fatalities. Approximately 83% of those who drowned were not wearing life jackets. In 2016, the Coast Guard counted 4,463 accidents that involved 701 deaths, 2,903 injuries and approximately \$49 million dollars of damage to property as a result of recreational boating accidents. Sixteen children under the age of thirteen lost their lives while boating in 2016. Out of these, eight children or approximately 50% died from drowning.

In conjunction with the National Safe Boating Week, the network NBC launches its WEAR IT! public service campaign in partnership with many boating safety advocates, including the United States Coast Guard and the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, to educate communities about the importance of wearing a life jacket to prevent drowning. The life jackets used today are more comfortable, more attractive, and more wearable than styles of years past and deserve a fresh look by today's boating public.

It is imperative for our community to create public awareness about the importance of wearing a life jacket while boating as we are geographically surrounded by bodies of water and many families practice boating as a recreational activity.

ACTION PROPOSED BY

LUBBY NAVARRO: That the School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution 18-035 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing National Safe Boating Week May 19 – 25, 2018.

RESOLUTION NO. 18-035
THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING NATIONAL
SAFE BOATING WEEK MAY 19-25, 2018

WHEREAS, the National Safe Boating Council (NSBC) embarks every year on a public awareness campaign as part of the National Safe Boating Week, May 19 – May 25, 2018; and

WHEREAS, the National Safe Boating Week is normally scheduled to commence a week prior to Memorial Day Weekend in order to educate communities across the country about the importance of safe boating practices, and specifically about wearing a life jacket while on the water with a goal of preventing unwarranted deaths due to drowning; and

WHEREAS, according to the U.S. Coast Guard's 2016 Recreational Boating Safety Statistics, drowning was reported as the cause of death in three-fourths of all fatalities. Approximately 83% of those who drowned were not wearing life jackets; and

WHEREAS, in 2016, the Coast Guard counted 4,463 accidents that involved 701 deaths, 2,903 injuries and approximately \$49 million dollars of damage to property as a result of recreational boating accidents. Sixteen children under the age of thirteen lost their lives while boating in 2016. Out of these, eight children or approximately 50% died from drowning; and

WHEREAS, in conjunction with the National Safe Boating Week, the network NBC launches its WEAR IT! public service campaign in partnership with many boating safety advocates, including the United States Coast Guard and the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, to educate communities about the importance of wearing a life jacket to prevent drowning; and

WHEREAS, the life jackets used today are more comfortable, more attractive, and more wearable than styles of years past and deserve a fresh look by today's boating public; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative for our community to create public awareness about the importance of wearing a life jacket while boating as we are geographically surrounded by bodies of water and many families practice boating as a recreational activity.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 18-035 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing National Safe Boating Week May 19-25, 2018.

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

Presented this sixteenth day of May, A.D. 2018

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary