

Dr. Robert B. Ingram, Member

**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 00-07 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, DESIGNATING MARCH AS WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH TO BE CELEBRATED IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

Florida Statute 233.061 requires instruction in women's contributions to the United States. Throughout each school year, Miami-Dade County Public Schools' students study the many contributions of women which also is a requirement of the district's pupil progression plan and its K-12 social studies instructional program. Additionally, each year the United States Congress issues a resolution designating March as Women's History Month, and a presidential proclamation encourages all Americans to observe the month as well.

The Division of Social Sciences/Special Programs, in cooperation with the Community Coalition for Women's History, will provide instructional materials/resources to all schools to support school-based activities for Women's History Month. These materials will include the unique collage of achievers who are members of our present School Board: Chair Perla Tabares Hantman, Ms. Betsy Kaplan, Mrs. Manty Sabatés Morse, Dr. Marta Pérez, and Ms. Judy Peacock. Additionally, the Division of Social Sciences/Special Programs has developed and initiated implementation of a women's history curriculum resource guide to support this mandate. Training has been provided to a representative from each school, and the resource guide will be distributed to all schools in February.

Therefore, it is fitting that the Board approve Resolution 00-07 of the School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, in a continuing effort to heighten awareness and appreciation of the many significant contributions of the courageous women who have helped make our nation strong and our world a better place in which to live.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY  
DR. ROBERT B. INGRAM:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution 00-07 of the School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, designating March as Women's History Month to be celebrated in Miami-Dade County Public Schools.

RESOLUTION NO. 00-07 OF THE  
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**WHEREAS**, historically American women of every race, class, and ethnic background have made significant and countless contributions to the growth and strength of our nation; and

**WHEREAS**, in America, women continue to play a critical economic, cultural, social, and philanthropic role; and

**WHEREAS**, the women of the United States constitute a significant portion of the labor and the volunteer force; and

**WHEREAS**, the women of this great country have been leaders in the forefront of every major progressive social change movement; and

**WHEREAS**, America's women have fought for their own rights and equal opportunity and were leaders in the abolitionist, emancipation, industrial labor, civil rights, and peace movements which create a more fair and just society for all; and

**WHEREAS**, despite their many contributions, the role of women in America's history has been consistently overlooked and undervalued and;

**WHEREAS**, in Miami-Dade County Public Schools, the study of the contributions of women to the United States is mandatory;

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

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 00-07 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, designating March as Women's History Month to be celebrated in Miami-Dade County Public Schools.

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

Presented this ninth day of February, A.D. 2000

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

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CHAIR

ATTEST:

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Secretary