

Education  
Joseph H. Mathos, Deputy Superintendent

**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 00-05 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, ENDORSING MARCH 13-17, 2000, AS "YOUTH CRIME WATCH OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY WEEK" IN ALL MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

The intent of Youth Crime Watch (YCW) of Miami-Dade County Week is to focus on the rights and responsibilities of youths with regard to a crime-free environment at school, at home and in the community.

YCW of Miami-Dade County will hold its annual conference, "We are Violence-Free Schools...", on Tuesday, March 14, 2000. The conference is open to all Miami-Dade County Public Schools students.

Throughout the week of the conference, March 13-17, 2000, there will be a celebration to honor students who work diligently to eliminate crime. YCW clubs will initiate projects in their schools that highlight the theme of the conference. The religious institutions and the leadership of Miami-Dade County all have been requested to declare this week as "Youth Crime Watch of Miami-Dade County Week".

The week's activities will provide opportunities for students, school employees and parents to meet to develop leadership skills and to discuss strategies for combating crime. The conference also will give students a forum to exhibit their talents in a variety show.

YCW fosters student leadership. This conference affords the community an opportunity to honor the students who espouse and support YCW's mission and objectives.

**RECOMMENDED:** That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 00-05 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, endorsing March 13-17, 2000, as "Youth Crime Watch of Miami-Dade County Week" in all Miami-Dade County Public Schools.

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**WHEREAS**, Youth Crime Watch of Miami-Dade County, a program of Citizen's Crime Watch of Miami-Dade County, Inc., joined forces with Miami-Miami-Dade County Public Schools in 1979 to educate young people in crime prevention, public safety, and school and community pride; and

**WHEREAS**, since its inception, more than 250,000 Miami-Dade County public school students have received the tools and guidance necessary to reduce crime against themselves, their schools and their communities; and

**WHEREAS**, the Youth Crime Watch of Miami-Dade County program has served as a model for other communities in the state, the nation and the other countries that need citizen involvement in crime prevention; and

**WHEREAS**, former President George Bush recognized Youth Crime Watch of Miami-Dade County as the 53<sup>rd</sup> "Daily Point of Light" in 1991 for "... generosity and willingness to serve others"; and

**WHEREAS**, Youth Crime Watch of Miami-Dade County continues to educate students on gun, drug and gang awareness; personal safety; and other topics related to crime prevention; and

**WHEREAS**, Youth Crime Watch of Miami-Dade County sponsors an annual conference for all Miami-Dade County public school students to meet to develop leadership skills and discuss strategies to combat crime.

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

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 00-05 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, endorsing March 13-17, 2000, as "Youth Crime Watch of Miami-Dade County Week" in all Miami-Dade County Public Schools.

Presented this 10th 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