

Dr. Robert B. Ingram, Member

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 01-15 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, ENDORSING THURSDAY, APRIL 19, 2001, AS THE 5000 ROLE MODELS OF EXCELLENCE STOP DAY, "ENOUGH IS ENOUGH" TO COINCIDE WITH LT. GOVERNOR FRANK BROGAN AND COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION CHARLIE CRIST ADMINISTERING THE TELEVISED PLEDGE (IN COMMEMORATION OF THE COLUMBINE ANNIVERSARY)

During the 1994-95 school year, the United Teachers of Dade and Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) cosponsored STOP DAY. Through this effort, our students and staff dramatically proclaimed that violence and weapons will not be tolerated in M-DCPS. Across the district, people came together to reflect upon the causes of violence and to devise ways to fight the problem.

The implementation of the 5000 Role Models of Excellence STOP DAY, "ENOUGH IS ENOUGH," has received statewide publicity. People recognized that this was an innovative and promising approach to tackling the serious and growing problem of juvenile violence. Presentations of Miami-Dade's initiative were made to various organizations statewide by former School Board member and Stop Day founder, State Representative Dr. Frederica S. Wilson. Many groups endorsed the concept and requested that Frank T. Brogan, then Florida Commissioner of Education, pursue statewide implementation.

For the 2001 observance, Lt. Governor Frank Brogan and Commissioner of Education, Charlie Crist will administer a simultaneous televised pledge on Thursday, April 19, 2001, at 10:15 a.m., to all students and staff of M-DCPS, as well as to every school district in Florida. Members of Miami-Dade County Public Schools' 5000 Role Models of Excellence Project will also appear in the video. A full minute of silence and meditation will follow all across Florida for schools to reflect on the implications of violence.

STOP DAY is envisioned as a day to empower students to band together, in a unified effort, to rid their campuses of violence. This will be the seventh consecutive year of STOP DAY, "ENOUGH IS ENOUGH." STOP DAY will include the pledge and a student essay contest, classroom discussions, periods of meditation and other activities, as deemed appropriate by each school site.

Schools will be encouraged to create special projects, events, and lessons focusing on reducing violence, improving skills for conflict resolution, and enhancing respect for peers and adults. These efforts will be geared to promote safe schools and make students more willing participants in curbing and reporting violent acts and behavior. In addition, everyone will be asked to wear white clothing and white ribbons to emphasize their commitment to stopping violence. Everyone in the community will be encouraged to drive with their headlights on, in recognition of this effort.

When Lt. Governor Frank Brogan served as Commissioner of Education, he stated, “The primary purpose of the 5000 Role Models of Excellence STOP DAY, “ENOUGH IS ENOUGH” is to fill Florida’s students and teachers with the confidence that cooperatively, we can make our schools a safer and more disciplined environment. Throughout the State of Florida, in every school, students, teachers and school staff will be asked simultaneously to pledge their commitment to nonviolence. This massive statewide effort is the result of an idea that began in the Miami-Dade County school district.”

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

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 01-15 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, endorsing Thursday, April 19, 2001 as the 5000 Role Models of Excellence STOP DAY, “ENOUGH IS ENOUGH” (Columbine Anniversary.)

RESOLUTION NO. 01-15 OF THE
SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA
ENDORING THURSDAY, APRIL 19, 2001,
AS 5000 ROLE MODELS OF EXCELLENCE STOP DAY, "ENOUGH IS ENOUGH"

WHEREAS, excellence in education is dependent on a safe, secure and peaceful school setting; and

WHEREAS, the safety and well-being of many students, teachers and school staff are unnecessarily jeopardized by crime and violence, such as substance abuse, gangs, bullying, poor discipline, vandalism, and absenteeism, in our schools; and

WHEREAS, given the opportunity, students can band together with all students in the State of Florida in a unified effort to rid their campuses of school violence; and

WHEREAS, The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, on Thursday, April 19, 2001, approved Board Member Dr. Robert B. Ingram's request to implement the seventh consecutive 5000 Role Models of Excellence STOP DAY, "ENOUGH IS ENOUGH;" and

WHEREAS, the observance of the 5000 Role Models of Excellence STOP DAY, "ENOUGH IS ENOUGH" will substantially promote efforts to provide all our schools with positive and safe learning climates and make students more willing participants in curbing and reporting violent acts and behavior;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 01-15 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, endorsing Thursday, April 19, 2001 as 5000 Role Models of Excellence STOP DAY, "ENOUGH IS ENOUGH" throughout the State of Florida.

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

Presented this eighteenth day of April, A.D. 2001

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary