

Dr. Robert B. Ingram, Member

**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 01-20 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING THE RECOGNITION OF MAY 2001 AND EVERY SUBSEQUENT MAY AS ASIAN-PACIFIC AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH AND AUTHORIZING ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS TO FOSTER RELATED ACTIVITIES IN ALL MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

Begun as an annual week-long celebration in 1977, the formal recognition of Asian-Pacific Americans was expanded to a month by Congress and President George Bush in 1992. May was designated as Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month, a time to celebrate the achievements and contributions of Asian-Pacific Americans. This designation prompts our diverse community to become aware of, recognize and celebrate the many historic, cultural, social and economic contributions of Asian-Pacific Americans to the United States.

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

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 01-20 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, supporting the recognition of May 2001 and every subsequent May as Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month and authorizing administrative actions to foster related activities in all Miami-Dade County Public Schools.

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SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,  
SUPPORTING THE RECOGNITION OF MAY 2001 AND EVERY SUBSEQUENT MAY  
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MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

**WHEREAS**, Miami-Dade County Public Schools supports multicultural education and ongoing efforts to educate the community about the merits of multicultural education; and

**WHEREAS**, promoting understanding and harmony among people is important to communities and their institutions; and

**WHEREAS**, Asian-Pacific American Heritage Week was designated by Congress in 1977 and heralded by President Jimmy Carter in 1978; and

**WHEREAS**, Asian-Pacific Heritage Month was designated by Congress and President George Bush in 1992; and

**WHEREAS**, Miami-Dade County Public Schools' effort to provide its students with programs and services that emphasize ethnic pride, cultural sensitivity, positive inter-group relations and cross-cultural communications is ongoing; and

**WHEREAS**, Miami-Dade County Public Schools affirms the significance and importance of this worthy recognition;

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

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 01-20 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, supporting the recognition of May 2001 and every subsequent May as Asian-Pacific Heritage Month and authorizing administrative actions to foster related activities in all Miami-Dade County Public Schools.

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

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CHAIR

ATTEST:

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Secretary