

Demetrio Pérez, Jr., M.S., Member

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 01-23 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI -DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, AT THE REQUEST OF MR. DEMETRIO PÉREZ, JR., M.S., SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER, ENDORSING NATIONAL MISSING CHILDREN'S DAY, MAY 25, 2001

In 1983, President Ronald Reagan signed a resolution declaring May 25 "National Missing Children's Day." Since then, the number of missing children has continued to rise with two children being reported missing every three minutes according to the U.S. Justice Department. The pain suffered by parents, relatives and friends of these missing children is nearly insurmountable. Through increasing missing children awareness as well as prevention and recovery strategies, it is hoped that the seriousness of this problem can be successfully addressed.

At the School Board meeting of March 14, 2001, the Mayor of South Miami, Julio Robaina, spoke in support of National Missing Children's Day.

Because our mission is the education, safety and well-being of all children, it is appropriate that the Board endorse "National Missing Children's Day" and encourage its observance by all children of Miami-Dade County's public schools.

ACTION PROPOSED

BY DEMETRIO PÉREZ, JR., M.S.: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, at the request of Mr. Demetrio Pérez, Jr., M.S., School Board Member, approve Resolution No. 01-23 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, endorsing National Missing Children's Day, May 25, 2001.

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WHEREAS, each year hundreds of American families suffer from the pain and tragedy of a missing child; and

WHEREAS, while most of these missing children return home safely, far too many are exposed to serious danger and exploitation; and

WHEREAS, finding missing children and returning them home safely has become a community, state and national problem; and

WHEREAS, our Miami-Dade County Public Schools family clearly understands that our children are our most valuable and most vulnerable asset; and

WHEREAS, both as a school district and as individuals, we have a responsibility to help prevent children from becoming missing; and

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County Public Schools knows that bringing attention to the problem and ensuring the safety and protection of all children takes decisive action;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 01-23 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, endorsing May 25, 2001, as National Missing Children's Day, to be observed in all of Miami-Dade County's public schools.

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

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary