

January 30, 2002

Dr. Robert B. Ingram, Member

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 02-06 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, ENDORSING MARCH 11-15, 2002 AS "YOUTH CRIME WATCH OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY WEEK" TO BE CELEBRATED IN ALL MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Youth Crime Watch of Miami-Dade County is an important organization to this community and in particular to our youth. It has a long and distinguished history of working jointly with Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) to educate young people in crime prevention, public safety and school and community pride.

In M-DCPS, Youth Crime Watch plays an important role in a wide variety of crime prevention areas including gun safety and control, as well as drug and gang awareness. It is certain that their involvement in education has had both a significant and positive impact on the district's effort to reduce crime in its schools. For that reason, it is appropriate that the Board adopt the suggested resolution endorsing March 11-15, 2002 as "Youth Crime Watch of Miami-Dade County Week" to be celebrated in all Miami-Dade County Public Schools. Continuing to work together, we can make a difference not only in the quality of life in our neighborhood, but on the learning environment in our schools.

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

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 02-06 endorsing March 11-15, 2002, as "Youth Crime Watch of Miami-Dade County Week" to be celebrated in all Miami-Dade County Public Schools.

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OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA
ENDORING MARCH 11-15, 2002, AS
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TO BE CELEBRATED IN ALL MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

WHEREAS, Youth Crime Watch of Miami-Dade County, a program of Citizen's Crime Watch of Miami-Dade County, Inc., joined forces with 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 290,000 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, Youth Crime Watch of Miami-Dade County is the forerunner of the program that now serves as a national and international model for other communities that urge citizen involvement in crime prevention; and

WHEREAS, Youth Crime Watch of Miami-Dade County continues to educate students on gun safety and control, as well as 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 of Miami-Dade's public school students to meet, to develop leadership skills and to discuss strategies to combat crime.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 02-06 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, endorsing March 11-15, 2002, as "Youth Crime Watch of Miami-Dade County Week" 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 thirteenth day of February, A.D. 2002

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary