

Ms. Betsy H. Kaplan, Member

**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 03-18 OF
THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
ENDORING APRIL 27 THROUGH MAY 4 AS DAYS OF
REMEMBRANCE OF THE VICTIMS OF THE HOLOCAUST TO
BE OBSERVED IN ALL OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY'S PUBLIC
SCHOOLS**

COMMITTEE: EDUCATION AND SCHOOL OPERATIONS

The United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, in accordance with congressional mandate (Public Law 96-388, 10/7/80) will lead the nation in the annual Days of Remembrance of the Victims of the Holocaust, April 27 through May 4.

This year's remembrance will mark the 60th anniversary of the Warsaw ghetto uprising, an event that epitomizes the profoundly human instinct to resist tyranny against all odds. The theme for this year's observance "For Your Freedom and Ours" was lifted directly from history when on April 23, 1943, the Jewish Fighting Organization in Warsaw, desperate to inform the world about its plight, issued a communique in which its passionate determination was characterized as "a battle being waged for your freedom as well as ours."

During this year's observance individual and communal acts of heroism and resistance to evil during the Holocaust serve as powerful examples of how our nation and its citizens can — and must — respond to acts of hatred and inhumanity. In the challenging times of today's world, this remembrance becomes more important than ever.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY
MS. BETSY H. KAPLAN:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 03-18 of The School Board of Miami Dade County, Florida, endorsing April 27 through May 4 as Days of Remembrance of the Victims of the Holocaust to be observed in all of Miami-Dade County's public schools.

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WHEREAS, the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, pursuant to an act of congress (Public Law 96-388,10/7/80), will lead the nation in the annual Days of Remembrance of the Victims of the Holocaust from April 27 through May 4; and

WHEREAS, this year's observance, which will mark the 60th anniversary of the Warsaw ghetto uprising, an event that epitomizes the profoundly human instinct to resist tyranny against all odds, will provide an opportunity to reflect on the moral responsibilities of individuals, societies and governments and to actively rededicate ourselves to the principles of individual freedom in a just society; and

WHEREAS, the theme for the observance "For Your Freedom and Ours" was lifted directly from history when on April 23, 1943, the Jewish Fighting Organization in Warsaw, deperate to inform the world about its plight, issued a communique in which its passionate determination was characterized as a "a battle being waged for your freedom as well as ours;" and

WHEREAS, during these special days of remembrance, the individual and communal acts of heroism and resistance to evil during the Holocaust serve as powerful examples of how our nation and its citizens can — and must — respond to acts of hatred and inhumanity; and

WHEREAS, in today's challenging times, it is important to remember the victims of the Holocaust and to reflect on the need for respect for all people as well as the need to teach our students, community and the world about the fragility of freedom from tyranny;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 03-18 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, endorsing April 27 through May 4 as Days of Remembrance of the Victims of the Holocaust to be celebrated in all of Miami-Dade Coounty's public schools.

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

Presented this twelfth day of March, A. D. 2003

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary