

Dr. Wilbert "Tee" Holloway, Board Member

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 09-16 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, DESIGNATING MARCH 2009 AS WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH TO BE CELEBRATED IN ALL MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

COMMITTEE: SCHOOL SUPPORT ACCOUNTABILITY

LINK TO DISTRICT STRATEGIC PLAN: INCREASE STUDENT EXPOSURE & UNDERSTANDING OF GLOBAL ISSUES

In 1978, the Education Task Force of the Sonoma County, California Commission on the Status of Women initiated Women's History Week to celebrate the many historical and contemporary contributions of women to our nation.

In 1980, the National Women's History Project was founded by an educational nonprofit organization. In 1987, the founders of the National Women's History Project petitioned the United States Congress to expand the weeklong celebration to the entire month of March. Accordingly, each year Congress issues a resolution designating March as Women's History Month. With each year's observance, programs, events, and activities in celebration of Women's History Month have become more widespread as the roles of women and their important contributions have emerged.

In 1998, the Florida Legislature amended Florida Statutes to require instruction in "women's contributions to the United States." Throughout the school year, students in Miami-Dade County Public Schools study the many contributions of women, how they have impacted history, and their relevance to today's society. In recognition of Women's History Month, a curriculum packet will be distributed to all schools to enlighten students about women's contributions to our community, state, and nation.

To recognize the progressive work of women in the evolving "green movement," **Women Taking the Lead to Save Our Planet**, has been designated as the 2009 national theme.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY
DR. WILBERT "TEE" HOLLOWAY:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida approve Resolution No. 09-16, designating March 2009 as Women's History Month to be celebrated in all Miami-Dade County Public Schools

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TO BE CELEBRATED IN ALL MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

WHEREAS, in 1978, the Education Task Force of the Sonoma County, California Commission on the Status of Women initiated Women's History Week to celebrate the many historical and contemporary contributions of women to our nation; and

WHEREAS, in 1987, the founders of the National Women's History Project petitioned the United States Congress to expand the weeklong celebration to the entire month of March; and

WHEREAS, American women of every race, culture, class, and ethnic background have made historic contributions to the growth and strength of our nation in countless recorded and unrecorded ways; and

WHEREAS, the national month-long observance seeks to raise awareness about the influence of women's heritage on our nation and culture; and

WHEREAS, American women, have invested time, resources, and intellectual support to the advancement of our Nation; and

WHEREAS, to recognize the progressive work of women in the evolving "green movement," **Women Taking the Lead to Save Our Planet**, has been designated as the 2009 national theme; and

WHEREAS, throughout the school year, students in Miami-Dade County Public Schools study the many contributions of women and how they have impacted history;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida approve Resolution No. 09-16, designating March 2009 as Women's History Month to be celebrated in all Miami-Dade County Public Schools.

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

Presented this eleventh day of February, A.D. 2009

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

SECRETARY