

Ms. Ana Rivas Logan, Board Member

**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 09-47 OF
THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
RECOGNIZING MAY 5, 2009 AS NATIONAL TEACHER DAY IN
MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

**COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE & COMMUNITY
ENGAGEMENT**

**LINK TO DISTRICT
STRATEGIC PLAN: IMPROVE AND MAINTAIN A HIGH QUALITY WORK
ENVIRONMENT**

National Teacher Day recognizes educators across the nation for their outstanding work in the classroom. National Teacher Day has its origins in Kansas. It was around 1944, when educator Mattye Whyte Woodridge began corresponding with education leaders and politicians about the need for a national day celebrating teachers. Woodridge wrote to first lady Eleanor Roosevelt, who convinced Congress to proclaim a National Teacher Day in 1953.

The National Education Association (NEA) and its affiliates lobbied Congress to create a national day honoring educators. As a result of their efforts, Congress eventually declared March 7, 1980 as National Teacher Day for that year only.

The first Tuesday in March continued to be observed as National Teacher Day by the NEA and its affiliates until 1985. That year, the National PTA named the first full week in May Teacher Appreciation Week. The NEA voted to make the Tuesday of that week National Teacher Day. This year, National Teacher Day will be celebrated on May 5 under the theme "Great Teachers Make Great Public Schools."

Miami-Dade County Public Schools understands the importance of quality educators in a child's life and offers meaningful classroom support and professional development to its teachers. Teachers are the backbone of a school and they impact the lives of students through their hard work and commitment to education.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY
MS. ANA RIVAS LOGAN:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 09-47 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing May 5, 2009 as National Teacher Day in Miami-Dade County Public Schools.

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WHEREAS, National Teacher Day recognizes educators across the nation for their outstanding work in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, National Teacher Day has its origins in Kansas and it was around 1944, when educator Mattye Whyte Woodridge began corresponding with education leaders and politicians about the need for a national day celebrating teachers; and

WHEREAS, this year, National Teacher Day will be celebrated on May 5 under the theme "Great Teachers Make Great Public Schools"; and

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County Public Schools understands the importance of quality educators in a child's life and offers meaningful classroom support and professional development to its teachers; and

WHEREAS, teachers are the backbone of a school and they impact the lives of students through their hard work and commitment to education;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 09-47 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing May 5, 2009 as National Teacher Day in Miami-Dade County Public Schools.

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

Presented this twenty-second day of April, A.D. 2009

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary