

Dr. Wilbert "Tee" Holloway, Board Member

**SUBJECT:                   REQUEST APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 09-79 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, ENDORSING THE MONTHS OF JUNE AND JULY AS FIREWORKS SAFETY MONTH IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

**COMMITTEE:               SCHOOL SUPPORT ACCOUNTABILITY**

**LINK TO DISTRICT  
STRATEGIC PLAN:       IMPROVE SAFETY AND THE SCHOOL ENVIRONMENT**

Practicing fireworks safety and caution, especially during holidays and national observances, is critically important. Research shows that two-thirds of the fireworks-related injuries in 2006 took place in the weeks surrounding the 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday.

Children that are 14 years old and younger account for 45 percent of fireworks-related injuries. Firecrackers, rockets and sparklers are the most dangerous types of fireworks. Sparklers alone are associated with more than half of the injuries to children under five years of age. Fireworks-related injuries are most likely to affect the head, eyes, face and ears.

Fireworks Safety Month is observed during the months of June and July with the purpose of bringing awareness to the possible hazards of fireworks and promoting safety precautions. Activities during these months include school presentations and community outreach to offer tips to avoid firework-related injuries.

The National Council on Fireworks Safety offers the following safety tips: obey local laws, only use fireworks outdoors, do not alter fireworks, have water available, never use illegal fireworks and only allow those over the age of 21 to handle fireworks. Miami-Dade County Public Schools supports initiatives that ensure the safety of students.

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

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 09-79 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, endorsing the months of June and July as Fireworks Safety Month in Miami-Dade County Public Schools.

**RESOLUTION NO. 09-79  
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,  
ENDORING THE MONTHS OF JUNE AND JULY AS FIREWORKS SAFETY MONTH  
IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

**WHEREAS**, Fireworks Safety Month is observed during the months of June and July to bring awareness to the possible hazards of fireworks and promote safety precautions; and

**WHEREAS**, practicing fireworks safety and caution, especially during holidays and national observances, is critically important; and

**WHEREAS**, safety and caution are not always practiced when using fireworks resulting in two-thirds of the fireworks-related injuries in 2006 took place in the weeks surrounding the 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday; and

**WHEREAS**, children that are 14 years old and younger account for 45 percent of fireworks-related injuries with firecrackers, rockets and sparklers as most dangerous types of fireworks; and

**WHEREAS**, the National Council on Fireworks Safety offers the following safety tips: obey local laws, only use fireworks outdoors, do not alter fireworks, have water available, never use illegal fireworks and only allow those over the age of 21 to handle fireworks;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 09-79 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, endorsing the months of June and July as Fireworks Safety Month in Miami-Dade County Public Schools.

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

**Presented this seventeenth day of June, A.D. 2009**

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

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CHAIR

ATTEST:

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Secretary