

Ms. Ana Rivas Logan, Board Member

**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 10-096
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY,
FLORIDA, DESIGNATING SEPTEMBER 15 THROUGH
OCTOBER 15 AS NATIONAL HISPANIC HERITAGE
MONTH IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

**COMMITTEE: INNOVATION, EFFICIENCY AND GOVERNMENTAL
RELATIONS**

**LINK TO STRATEGIC
FRAMEWORK: STUDENT, PARENT AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

Each year, Americans across the nation observe National Hispanic Heritage Month from September 15 to October 15 as a way of recognizing the many contributions of Hispanic Americans to our history. During the month-long observance, Americans celebrate the histories, cultures, and contributions of American citizens whose ancestors came from Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean, and Central and South America. This year, National Hispanic Heritage Month will be celebrated under the theme "Heritage, Diversity, Integrity and Honor: The Renewed Hope of America."

The observance began in 1968 as Hispanic Heritage Week and was later expanded in 1988 to cover a 30-day period. It was enacted into law on August 17, 1988. The date of September 15 was chosen as the starting date for the observance because it is the anniversary of the independence of five Latin American countries, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua. The countries of Mexico and Chile celebrate their independence days on September 16 and September 18.

There are an estimated 48.4 million people of Hispanic origin in the United States, making Hispanics the nation's largest ethnic or race minority. Hispanics constitute 16 percent of the nation's total population. According to the U.S. Census, the projected Hispanic population of the U.S. in the year 2050 will be 132.8 million, or 30 percent of the U.S. population.

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

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 10-096 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, designating September 15 through October 15 as National Hispanic Heritage Month in Miami-Dade County Public Schools.

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DESIGNATING SEPTEMBER 15 THROUGH OCTOBER 15 AS NATIONAL HISPANIC
HERITAGE MONTH IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

WHEREAS, each year, Americans across the nation observe National Hispanic Heritage Month from September 15 to October 15 as a way of recognizing the many contributions of Hispanic Americans to our history; and

WHEREAS, during the month-long observance, Americans celebrate the histories, cultures, and contributions of American citizens whose ancestors came from Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean, and Central and South America; and

WHEREAS, the observance began in 1968 as Hispanic Heritage Week and was later expanded in 1988 to cover a 30-day period. It was enacted into law on August 17, 1988; and

WHEREAS, there are an estimated 48.4 million people of Hispanic origin in the United States, making Hispanics the nation's largest ethnic or race minority; and

WHEREAS, this year's National Hispanic Heritage Month theme is "Heritage, Diversity, Integrity and Honor: The Renewed Hope of America";

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 10-096 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, designating September 15 through October 15 as National Hispanic Heritage Month 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 October, A.D. 2010

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary