

Ms. Perla Tabares Hantman, Chair

**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 11-044
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY,
FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING MAY 3, 2011 AS NATIONAL
TEACHER DAY IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC
SCHOOLS**

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

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

Every year, educators around the nation are recognized for their exemplary work on National Teacher Day. The origins of National Teacher Day began more than 60 years ago when Arkansas teacher Mattye Whyte Woodridge began communicating with education and government leaders regarding the need for a day recognizing the hard work of teachers. Eventually, Woodridge wrote First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt who persuaded Congress to proclaim a National Teacher Day in 1953.

The National Education Association (NEA) in partnership with its local and state affiliates lobbied Congress to establish a nationally-recognized day to honor educators. Congress responded by declaring March 7, 1980 as National Teacher Day for that year only.

The NEA continued celebrating National Teacher Day in March until 1985 when it was changed to the first Tuesday of the first full week in May. This year, National Teacher Day will be observed on May 3.

Miami-Dade County Public Schools appreciates and values its teaching professionals. They are dedicated professionals who are passionate about student success in the classroom and beyond. Teachers are responsible for shaping our future generation of informed citizens and impacting their lives in a meaningful manner every day.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY CHAIR
PERLA TABARES HANTMAN:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 11-044 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing May 3, 2011 as National Teacher Day in Miami-Dade County Public Schools.

**RESOLUTION NO. 11-044
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
RECOGNIZING MAY 3, 2011 AS NATIONAL TEACHER DAY IN
MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

WHEREAS, every year, educators around the nation are recognized for their exemplary work on National Teacher Day; and

WHEREAS, the origins of National Teacher Day began more than 60 years ago when Arkansas teacher Mattye Whyte Woodridge began communicating with education and government leaders regarding the need for a day recognizing the hard work of teachers; and

WHEREAS, this year, National Teacher Day will be observed on May 3; and

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County Public Schools appreciates and values its teaching professionals. They are dedicated professionals who are passionate about student success in the classroom and beyond; and

WHEREAS, teachers are responsible for shaping our future generation of informed citizens and impacting their lives in a meaningful manner every day;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 11-044 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing May 3, 2011 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 thirteenth day of April, A.D. 2011

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary