

Dr. Wilbert "Tee" Holloway, Board Member

**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 11-012
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY,
FLORIDA, DESIGNATING MARCH 2011 AS WOMEN'S
HISTORY MONTH TO BE CELEBRATED IN ALL MIAMI-
DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

COMMITTEE: SCHOOL SUPPORT ACCOUNTABILITY

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

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, historic recognition is becoming more widespread as the roles of women and their important contributions are emerging.

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.

The important work of women will be recognized this year under the theme "Our History is Our Strength."

ACTION PROPOSED BY

DR. WILBERT "TEE" HOLLOWAY: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 11-012 of the School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, designating March 2011 as Women's History Month to be celebrated in all Miami-Dade County public schools.

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

WHEREAS, the important work of women will be recognized this year under the theme "Our History is Our Strength"; and

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

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 11-012 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, designating March 2011 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 ninth day of February, A.D. 2011

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary