

Ms. Perla Tabares Hantman, Chair

**SUBJECT:                   REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 11-013  
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY,  
FLORIDA, PROMOTING MARCH 2011 AS FLORIDA BIKE  
MONTH**

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

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

In an effort to examine the effects of bicycle use, the Florida Department of Education conducted The Conserve By Bicycle Study. The study shows that dedicated programs and partnerships effectively promote and encourage bicycling activities. These programs and partnerships are most successful when distinct groups such as commuters and school children are targeted to promote physical activity and recreational activities.

March is designated as Florida Bike Month. Florida Bike Month promotes healthy lifestyle choices, which encourage physical fitness as well as helps reduce the chances of chronic illnesses and obesity. Bicycle use has a positive effect on the environment. Increased bicycle usage helps lower motor vehicle emissions and global warming. It can also increase parking and existing road capacity when people choose to ride their bikes.

Bicycle use has helped increase eco-tourism and historical preservation in Florida through converting rail corridors to multi-use trails. Bicycling has also contributed to the economic development in many communities. Miami-Dade County Public Schools champions programs and events that promote personal health and well being in addition to protecting the environment.

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

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 11-013 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, promoting March 2011 as Florida Bike Month.

**RESOLUTION NO. 11-013  
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,  
PROMOTING MARCH 2011 AS FLORIDA BIKE MONTH**

**WHEREAS**, in an effort to examine the effects of bicycle use, the Florida Department of Education conducted The Conserve By Bicycle Study. The study shows that dedicated programs and partnerships effectively promote and encourage bicycling activities; and

**WHEREAS**, March is designated as Florida Bike Month. Florida Bike Month promotes healthy lifestyle choices, which encourage physical fitness as well as helps reduce the chances of chronic illnesses and obesity; and

**WHEREAS**, increased bicycle usage helps lower motor vehicle emissions and global warming. It can also increase parking and existing road capacity when people choose to ride their bikes; and

**WHEREAS**, bicycle use has helped increase eco-tourism and historical preservation in Florida through converting rail corridors to multi-use trails. Bicycling has also contributed to the economic development in many communities; and

**WHEREAS**, Miami-Dade County Public Schools champions programs and events that promote personal health and well being in addition to protecting the environment;

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

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 11-013 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, promoting March 2011 as Florida Bike Month.

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

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CHAIR

ATTEST:

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Secretary