

Ms. Perla Tabares Hantman, Chair

SUBJECT: REQUEST APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 11-028 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, PROCLAIMING APRIL 22, 2011 AS EARTH DAY IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

COMMITTEE: INNOVATION, EFFICIENCY AND GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

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

Founded in 1970 by U. S. Senator Gaylord Nelson, Earth Day is a worldwide campaign for change and reform that has brought attention to environmental issues and concerns. It is the largest civic event in the world. The first Earth Day in the United States was celebrated on April 22, 1970 and led to the creation of the United States Environmental Protection Agency and the passage of the Clean Air, Clean Water, and Endangered Species Acts.

Earth Day is celebrated worldwide on April 22 and has become a global symbol of environmental stewardship, hope and unity over the past 40 years, bringing together millions of Earth Day observers every year to support environmental initiatives spanning the globe. This year, Earth Day 2011 will be organized around "A Billion Acts of Green" in recognition of the power of millions of individual actions and pledges to live and act sustainably. The "Billion Acts of Green" campaign is the largest environmental campaign in the world, with more than 42 million green actions to date.

Miami-Dade County Public Schools is a leader in environmental education and is committed to eco-friendly practices, as evidenced by the programs implemented under the Superintendent's sustainability initiative, ranging from energy conservation, to increased recycling efforts, to special school site activities such as tree plantings and environmental awareness education programs.

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

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 11-028 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, proclaiming April 22, 2011 as Earth Day in Miami-Dade County Public Schools.

**RESOLUTION NO. 11-028
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
PROCLAIMING APRIL 22, 2011 AS EARTH DAY IN
MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

WHEREAS, founded in 1970 by U. S. Senator Gaylord Nelson, Earth Day is a worldwide campaign for change and reform that has brought attention to environmental issues and concerns; and

WHEREAS, the first Earth Day in the United States was celebrated on April 22, 1970; and

WHEREAS, Earth Day is celebrated worldwide on April 22 and has become a global symbol of environmental stewardship, hope and unity over the past 40 years, bringing together millions of Earth Day observers every year to support environmental initiatives spanning the globe; and

WHEREAS, this year, Earth Day 2011 will be organized around "A Billion Acts of Green" in recognition of the power of millions of individual actions and pledges to live and act sustainably; and

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County Public Schools is a leader in environmental education and is committed to eco-friendly practices, as evidenced by the programs implemented under the Superintendent's sustainability initiative, ranging from energy conservation, to increased recycling efforts, to special school site activities such as tree plantings and environmental awareness education programs;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 11-028 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, proclaiming April 22, 2011 as Earth Day in Miami-Dade County Public Schools.

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

Presented this ninth day of March, A.D. 2011

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary