

Dr. Wilbert "Tee" Holloway, Board Member

**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 11-058  
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY,  
FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING MAY 2011 AS NATIONAL  
FOSTER CARE MONTH**

**COMMITTEE: SCHOOL SUPPORT ACCOUNTABILITY**

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

The first National Foster Care Month was celebrated in 1988 when U.S. Senator Strom Thurmond was persuaded to introduce a resolution proclaiming the month of May as National Foster Care Month. National Foster Care Month recognizes the many contributions of foster parents and shows appreciation for all they do on behalf of children. President H. W. Bush continued the observance of the holiday by issuing an annual proclamation every year during his presidency.

During the 1990s, National Foster Care Month focused primarily on the needs of older youth in foster care, especially those soon to age out of the system. This focus, partnered with the work of the National Foster Care Coalition and Casey Family Programs, eventually led to the passage of the Chaffee Foster Care Independence Act. Currently, there are nearly half a million children in out-of-home care.

National Foster Care Month provides a platform for the nation's leading child welfare organizations to present a public alliance for foster care. The national campaign encompasses elements of awareness by communicating the needs of children in foster care and their parents. The campaign also issues a call to action encouraging Americans to become involved in the life of a youth in foster care and establish a year-long presence to support partner organizations and other child welfare agencies.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY**

**DR. WILBERT "TEE" HOLLOWAY:** That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 11-058 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing May 2011 as National Foster Care Month.

**RESOLUTION NO. 11-058  
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,  
RECOGNIZING MAY 2011 AS NATIONAL FOSTER CARE MONTH**

**WHEREAS**, the first National Foster Care Month was celebrated in 1988 when U.S. Senator Strom Thurmond was persuaded to introduce a resolution proclaiming the month of May as National Foster Care Month; and

**WHEREAS**, National Foster Care Month recognizes the many contributions of foster parents and shows appreciation for all they do on behalf of children; and

**WHEREAS**, currently, there are nearly half a million children in out-of-home care; and

**WHEREAS**, National Foster Care Month provides a platform for the nation's leading child welfare organizations to present a public alliance for foster care; and

**WHEREAS**, the national campaign encompasses elements of awareness by communicating the needs of children in foster care and their parents; and

**WHEREAS**, the campaign also issues a call to action encouraging Americans to become involved in the life of a youth in foster care and establish a year-long presence to support partner organizations and other child welfare agencies;

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

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 11-058 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing May 2011 as National Foster Care Month.

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

**Presented this eleventh day of May, A.D. 2011**

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

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CHAIR

ATTEST:

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Secretary