

Dr. Wilbert "Tee" Holloway, Board Member

**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 12-022
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY,
FLORIDA, DESIGNATING MARCH 2012 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 a local Women's History Week celebration to address the lack of K-12 curriculum inclusion and the general public consciousness regarding historical and contemporary contributions of women to our nation.

In 1980, the National Women's History Project (NWHF) was founded in Santa Rosa, California as a nonprofit organization by women committed to increasing the awareness of women's historical achievements. The founders of the NWHF petitioned the United States Congress to expand the weeklong celebration to the entire month of March. In 1987, encouraged by the successful campaign of the NWHF, growing momentum and state by state resolution, the United States Congress declared March as National History Month in perpetuity. Accordingly, a special Presidential Proclamation is issued each year honoring the extraordinary achievements of American Women. Recognition of Women's History Month 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, 2012, under the theme "Women's Education – Women's Empowerment."

ACTION PROPOSED BY

DR. WILBERT "TEE" HOLLOWAY: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 12-022 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, designating March 2012 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 a Women's History Week celebration to commemorate the historical and contemporary contributions of women to our nation; and

WHEREAS, in 1987, encouraged by the successful campaign of the National Women's History Project (NWHF), growing momentum and state by state resolution, the United States Congress declared the entire month of March as National Women's History Month in perpetuity; and

WHEREAS, the national month-long observance seeks to raise awareness regarding the influence of women's legacy and achievements on our nation and culture; and

WHEREAS, curriculum infusion of the historic achievements of women and the celebration of National Women's History Month are effective means to achieve equity goals within the classroom and to increase the consciousness of the general public; and

WHEREAS, the important work of women will be recognized this year, 2012, under the theme "Women's Education – Women's Empowerment; and

WHEREAS, American women of every race, culture, class, ethnic, and socio-economic background are investing time, resources, and intellectual support to the advancement of our Nation; and

WHEREAS, American women are making historic contributions to the growth, nurturing, strength, and educational enhancement of our Nation in countless recorded and unrecorded ways; 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. 12-022 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, designating March 2012 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 fifteenth day of February, A.D. 2012

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

Chair

ATTEST:

Secretary