

Ms. Perla Tabares Hantman, Chair

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 12-024 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, PROCLAIMING APRIL 22, 2012, AS EARTH DAY IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

COMMITTEE: INNOVATION, EFFICIENCY AND GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

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

Earth Day is a day that is intended to inspire awareness and appreciation for the Earth's natural environment. This year marks the 42nd anniversary of its founding by United States Senator Gaylord Nelson of Wisconsin, who conceived the idea of Earth Day following a trip to Santa Barbara, California after the horrific oil spill off the coast in 1969. Outraged by the devastation, Nelson proposed a national teach-in on the environment to be observed by every university campus in the United States on April 22, 1970. Over 20 million people participated that year.

Earth Day is now celebrated in more than 175 countries every year. Numerous communities celebrate Earth Week with an entire week of activities focusing on environmental issues. In 2009, the United Nations designated April 22nd as *International Mother Earth Day*.

Since the first Earth Day was celebrated, the efforts of dedicated elected officials and involved citizens have produced the passing of legislation such as the Clean Air Act, Toxic Substances Control Act and Clear Skies regulations, which have made the world we live in a much healthier place for everyone.

Miami-Dade County Public Schools urges all schools to impart to students the message that everyone must work together to reduce and better manage our waste, prevent pollution and conserve our natural resources. Teachers and parents are encouraged to discuss with their students the importance of this day. Students are not only preparing for academic success, they are preparing for life beyond the classroom as conscious citizens of the world.

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

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 12-024 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, proclaiming April 22, 2012, as Earth Day in Miami-Dade County Public Schools.

**RESOLUTION NO. 12-024
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
PROCLAIMING APRIL 22, 2012, AS EARTH DAY IN
MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

WHEREAS, Earth Day is a day that is intended to inspire awareness and appreciation for the Earth's natural environment, and this year marks the 42nd anniversary of its founding by United States Senator Gaylord Nelson of Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS, Senator Nelson conceived the idea of Earth Day following a trip to Santa Barbara, California after the horrific oil spill in 1969. Outraged by the devastation, Senator Nelson proposed a national teach-in on the environment to be observed by every university campus in the United States on April 22, 1970. Over 20 million people participated that year; and

WHEREAS, Earth Day is now celebrated in more than 175 countries every year. Numerous communities celebrate Earth Week with an entire week of activities focusing on environmental issues; and

WHEREAS, since the first Earth Day was celebrated, the efforts of dedicated elected officials and involved citizens have produced the passing of legislation such as the Clean Air Act, Toxic Substances Control Act and Clear Skies regulations, which have made the world we live in a much healthier place for everyone; and

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County Public Schools urges all schools to impart to students the message that everyone must work together to reduce and better manage our waste, prevent pollution and conserve our natural resources. Teachers and parents are encouraged to discuss with their students the importance of this day;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 12-024 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, proclaiming April 22, 2012 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 fifteenth day of February, A.D. 2012

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary