

Ms. Raquel Regalado, Board Member

**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 12-085
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY,
FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING CINCO DE MAYO**

**COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY
ENGAGEMENT**

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

Cinco de Mayo, or the fifth of May, recognizes the legendary Battle of Puebla that took place on May 5, 1862. During the battle, a Mexican force of 4,500 men faced off against 6,000 well-trained and better-equipped French soldiers. The four-hour long battle ended in victory for the Mexican army, who were led by General Ignacio Zaragoza. The Mexican victory became a symbol of Mexican unity and patriotism. Many Mexicans gave their lives for the causes of freedom, liberty, and justice.

The country of Mexico has a long and rich cultural history. Cinco de Mayo provides our community an opportunity to recognize not only the efforts of the Mexican army during the Battle of Puebla, but the many historic, cultural, social, and economic contributions of Mexican Americans to the United States.

There are an estimated 31.8 million U.S. residents of Mexican origin in the United States, accounting for 63 percent of the 50.5 million Hispanics in the U.S. People of Hispanic origin make up the nation's largest ethnic or race minority. The number of U.S. residents of Mexican origin has increased 54 percent, growing from 20.6 million in the year 2000 to 31.8 million in 2010. In 2011, the value of total goods traded between the United States and Mexico was \$460.6 billion, making Mexico the nation's third-leading trade partner.

Miami-Dade County Public Schools recognizes the historical significance of Cinco de Mayo and the many contributions of Mexican Americans to the South Florida community that have enriched the lives of many.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY
MS. RAQUEL REGALADO:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 12-085 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Cinco De Mayo.

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**RESOLUTION NO. 12-085
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
RECOGNIZING CINCO DE MAYO**

WHEREAS, Cinco de Mayo, or the fifth of May, recognizes the legendary Battle of Puebla that took place on May 5, 1862; and

WHEREAS, during the battle, a Mexican force of 4,500 men faced off against 6,000 well-trained and better-equipped French soldiers. The four-hour long battle ended in victory for the Mexican army, who were led by General Ignacio Zaragoza; and

WHEREAS, the Mexican victory became a symbol of Mexican unity and patriotism; and

WHEREAS, Cinco de Mayo provides our community an opportunity to recognize not only the efforts of the Mexican army during the Battle of Puebla, but the many historic, cultural, social, and economic contributions of Mexican Americans to the United States; and

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County Public Schools recognizes the historical significance of Cinco de Mayo and the many contributions of Mexican Americans to the South Florida community that have enriched the lives of many;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 12-085 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Cinco De Mayo.

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

Presented this sixteenth day of May, A.D. 2012

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary