

Ms. Perla Tabares Hantman, Chair

**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 12-121
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY,
FLORIDA, DESIGNATING SEPTEMBER 15TH THROUGH
OCTOBER 15TH 2012 AS NATIONAL HISPANIC HERITAGE
MONTH IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

**COMMITTEE: INNOVATION, EFFICIENCY AND GOVERNMENTAL
RELATIONS**

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

Each year, Americans across the nation observe National Hispanic Heritage Month from September 15th to October 15th as a way of recognizing the many contributions of Hispanic Americans to our history. During the month-long observance, our nation celebrates the histories, cultures and contributions of Americans of Hispanic descent whose forefathers came from Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean, and Central and South America. The 2012 National Hispanic Heritage Month will be celebrated under the theme, "Diversity United, Building America's Future Today."

The observance began in 1968 as Hispanic Heritage Week and later was expanded in 1988 to cover a 30-day period. It was enacted into law on August 17, 1988. The date of September 15th was chosen as the starting date for the observance because it is the anniversary of the independence of five Central American countries: Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua. Mexico and Chile also celebrate their respective days of independence in September.

There are an estimated 50.5 million people of Hispanic origin in the United States, making Hispanics the nation's largest ethnic minority. Hispanics constitute 16.3 percent of the nation's total population. According to the U.S. Census, the projected Hispanic population of the U.S. in 2050 will be 132.8 million or 30 percent.

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

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 12-121 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, designating September 15th through October 15th 2012 as Hispanic Heritage Month in Miami-Dade County Public Schools.

**RESOLUTION NO. 12-121
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
DESIGNATING SEPTEMBER 15th THROUGH OCTOBER 15th 2012 AS
HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

WHEREAS, each year, Americans across the nation observe National Hispanic Heritage Month from September 15th to October 15th as a way of recognizing the many contributions of Hispanic Americans to our history; and

WHEREAS, during the month-long observance, Americans celebrate the histories, cultures and contributions of American citizens whose forefathers came from Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean, and Central and South America; and

WHEREAS, the observance began in 1968 as Hispanic Heritage Week and later was expanded in 1988 to cover a 30-day period. It was enacted into law on August 17, 1988; and

WHEREAS, there are an estimated 50.5 million people of Hispanic origin in the United States, making Hispanics the nation's largest ethnic minority; and

WHEREAS, the 2012 National Hispanic Heritage Month will be celebrated under the theme, "Diversity United, Building America's Future Today";

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 12-121 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, designating September 15th through October 15th 2012 as Hispanic Heritage Month in Miami-Dade County Public Schools.

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

Presented this first day of August, A.D. 2012

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary