

Dr. Wilbert "Tee" Holloway, Board Member

SUBJECT: SCHOOL BOARD ENDORSEMENT OF FEBRUARY 2014
AS NATIONAL BLACK HISTORY MONTH TO BE
CELEBRATED IN ALL MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC
SCHOOLS

REVISED

COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY
ENGAGEMENT

**LINK TO STRATEGIC
FRAMEWORK:** EDUCATION

The first national observance of Black history was initiated by American historian Dr. Carter G. Woodson who established Black History Week in February 1926 to commemorate and celebrate the contributions to our nation made by African Americans. In 1976, as part of the nation's bicentennial, the week was expanded to Black History Month. The Association for the Study of African American Life and History, founded by Dr. Woodson, selects a theme each year for the observance of Black History Month. This year's national theme is "Civil Rights in America."

The purpose of Black History Month is to call attention to the many educational, cultural, social, spiritual, and economic contributions of African Americans to the United States. Black history is studied and woven into all subjects throughout the year in Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS). M-DCPS is committed to equity in education for all students and to providing a learning environment that is reflective of the cultures, traditions, customs and historic legacies that comprise the District's population. Given the importance of the instruction of Black history, citizenship, and multiculturalism in our curriculum, it is appropriate that the School Board endorse National Black History Month and encourage its celebration in all Miami-Dade County public schools.

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**ACTION PROPOSED BY
DR. WILBERT "TEE" HOLLOWAY:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, endorse February 2014 as National Black History Month to be celebrated in all Miami-Dade County public schools.

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