

Ms. Raquel Regalado, Board Member

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 14-047
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY,
FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING READ CONMIGO FOR
SPONSORING THE IDEA OF DECLARING MAY AS THE
BILINGUAL LITERACY MONTH

COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY
ENGAGEMENT

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

Read Conmigo is a parent-focused literacy program that was launched in March 2011. Studies show that reading at home builds good reading habits and enables students to succeed in the classroom. The Read Conmigo program aims to promote bilingual literacy by encouraging Hispanic parents to read to their children at home through the distribution of free English-Spanish books. Read Conmigo books feature stories in both English and Spanish so that families can read together. Since its inception, Read Conmigo has distributed more than 750,000 books nationwide and provided teachers and parents with the necessary tools to improve reading habits at home.

Read Conmigo volunteers participate in many special events at schools and libraries to engage the community and to provide tips for families to develop bilingual literacy skills. Many of these events have had the support of hundreds of volunteers. Volunteers also participate in Back to School and PTA meetings, where they distribute books and register parents and teachers for the program.

The Read Conmigo program also creates publication opportunities for Hispanic authors and illustrators through ongoing contests. Authors and illustrators also promote reading and interact with students at literacy events. In addition, to encourage the promotion of bilingual literacy, Read Conmigo is sponsoring the idea originated by Stephanie Rojas and Patricia Vila of The Conroy Martinez Group, of declaring May as the Bilingual Literacy Month.

Miami-Dade County Public Schools commends Read Conmigo for its commitment to education and to promoting bilingual literacy in our community.

ACTION PROPOSED BY

MS. RAQUEL REGALADO: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 14-047 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Read Conmigo for sponsoring the idea of declaring May as the Bilingual Literacy Month.

**RESOLUTION NO. 14-047
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
RECOGNIZING READ CONMIGO FOR SPONSORING THE IDEA OF DECLARING
MAY AS THE BILINGUAL LITERACY MONTH**

WHEREAS, Read Conmigo is a parent-focused literacy program that was launched in March 2011. The program aims to promote bilingual literacy by encouraging Hispanic parents to read to their children at home through the distribution of free English-Spanish books; and

WHEREAS, since its inception, Read Conmigo has distributed more than 750,000 books nationwide and provided teachers and parents with the necessary tools to improve reading habits at home; and

WHEREAS, Read Conmigo volunteers participate in many special events at schools and libraries to engage the community and to provide tips for families to develop bilingual literacy skills. Volunteers also participate in Back to School and PTA meetings, where they distribute books and register parents and teachers for the program; and

WHEREAS, to encourage the promotion of bilingual literacy, Read Conmigo is sponsoring the idea originated by Stephanie Rojas and Patricia Vila of The Conroy Martinez Group, of declaring May as the Bilingual Literacy Month; and

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County Public Schools commends Read Conmigo for its commitment to education and to promoting bilingual literacy in our community;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 14-047 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Read Conmigo for sponsoring the idea of declaring May as the Bilingual Literacy Month.

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

Presented this seventh day of May, A.D. 2014

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary