

Dr. Wilbert "Tee" Holloway, Board Member

**SUBJECT: REQUEST APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 15-002 OF
THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
ENDORING FEBRUARY 2015 AS NATIONAL BLACK
HISTORY MONTH TO BE CELEBRATED IN ALL MIAMI-
DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

**COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY
ENGAGEMENT**

**LINK TO STRATEGIC
FRAMEWORK: EDUCATION**

In 1926, writer and educator Dr. Carter G. Woodson started Negro History Week in the second week of February. This meaningful week was between the birthdays of Frederick Douglass and Abraham Lincoln. The movement eventually morphed into Black History Month in 1976 and is now celebrated nationally for the entire month of February.

The Association for the Study of African American Life and History has played a pivotal role in promoting awareness of Black History Month as well as the social, educational, cultural and historical contributions African Americans have made to this country. This year's national Black History Month theme is "*A Century of Black Life, History, and Culture.*"

Miami-Dade County Public Schools champions programs and initiatives that enrich the lives of its students and families and reflect the tapestry of cultures and religions that comprise its eclectic community. The school district endorses Black History Month in its schools in order to celebrate the important cultural and historical contributions that African Americans have made to this country.

ACTION PROPOSED BY

DR. WILBERT "TEE" HOLLOWAY:

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 15-002 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, endorsing February 2015 as National Black History Month to be celebrated in all Miami-Dade County public schools.

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OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
ENDORING FEBRUARY 2015 AS NATIONAL BLACK HISTORY MONTH
TO BE CELEBRATED IN ALL MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

WHEREAS, in 1926, writer and educator Dr. Carter G. Woodson started Negro History Week in the second week of February. The movement eventually morphed into Black History Month in 1976 and is now celebrated nationally for the entire month of February; and

WHEREAS, The Association for the Study of African American Life and History has played a pivotal role in promoting awareness of Black History Month as well as the social, educational, cultural and historical contributions African Americans have made to this country; and

WHEREAS, this year's national Black History Month theme is "*A Century of Black Life, History, and Culture*"; and

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County Public Schools champions programs and initiatives that enrich the lives of its students and families and reflect the tapestry of cultures and religions that comprise its eclectic community; and

WHEREAS, the school district endorses Black History Month in its schools in order to celebrate the important cultural and historical contributions that African Americans have made to this country;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 15-002 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, endorsing February 2015 as National Black History Month to be celebrated in all Miami-Dade County public schools.

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

Presented this fourteenth day of January, A.D. 2015

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary