

Dr. Wilbert "Tee" Holloway, Board Member

**SUBJECT:** SCHOOL BOARD ENDORSEMENT OF FEBRUARY 2015 AS  
NATIONAL BLACK HISTORY MONTH TO BE CELEBRATED  
IN ALL MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS } Revised

**COMMITTEE:** ACADEMICS, EVALUATION AND TECHNOLOGY

**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, endorse February 2015 as National  
Black History Month to be celebrated in all } Revised  
Miami-Dade County public schools.

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