

Dr. Martin Karp, Board Member

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 17-026 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING THE DAYS OF REMEMBRANCE OF THE VICTIMS OF THE HOLOCAUST TO BE APRIL 24 THROUGH APRIL 28, 2017 INCLUDING THE DAY OF REMEMBRANCE KNOWN AS YOM HASHOAH, APRIL 24, 2017, TO BE OBSERVED IN ALL OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY'S PUBLIC SCHOOLS

COMMITTEE: ACADEMIC, EVALUATION AND TECHNOLOGY

LINK TO STRATEGIC BLUEPRINT: RELEVANT, RIGOROUS AND INNOVATIVE ACADEMICS

The United States Congress established the Days of Remembrance as our nation's annual commemoration of the Holocaust and created the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum as a permanent living memorial to the victims. This year, Days of Remembrance takes place from April 24 through April 28 including the Day of Remembrance known as Yom Hashoah on April 24.

Each year, Miami-Dade County Public Schools emphasizes Holocaust education in an effort to teach children tolerance so that such crimes are not repeated against any group. Training is conducted for teachers at the University of Miami and a Holocaust Remembrance Week is held in cooperation with the Holocaust Memorial in Miami Beach.

Schools throughout the District receive an updated curriculum packet from the Department of Social Sciences and Holocaust survivors visit schools on request throughout April and May. The Holocaust demonstrates one of the greatest lessons about individual responsibility that each of us has the choice to act or not to act, and that there are consequences to our decisions.

Remembrance obligates us not only to memorialize those who were killed, but also to reflect on what could have been done to save them. Those who survived tell us that as many faced their horrific deaths their last words were "Remember us. Tell our story." With an alarming rise in anti-Semitism around the world, it is becoming even more critical to teach the lessons of the past in an effort to improve the future.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY
DR. MARTIN KARP:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 17-026 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing the Days of Remembrance of the Victims of the Holocaust to be April 24 through April 28, 2017 including the Day of Remembrance known as Yom Hashoah, April 24, 2017, to be observed in all of Miami-Dade County's public schools.

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WHEREAS, the United States Congress established the Days of Remembrance as our nation's annual commemoration of the Holocaust and created the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum as a permanent living memorial to the victims; and

WHEREAS, this year, Days of Remembrance takes place from April 24 through April 28, 2017 including the Day of Remembrance known as Yom Hashoah, April 24, 2017; and

WHEREAS, each year, Miami-Dade County Public Schools emphasizes Holocaust education in an effort to teach children tolerance so that such crimes are not repeated against any group by having survivors speak to students; and

WHEREAS, the Holocaust demonstrates one of the greatest lessons about individual responsibility – that each of us has the choice to act or not to act, and that there are consequences to our decisions; and

WHEREAS, remembrance obligates us not only to memorialize those who were killed, but also to reflect on what could have been done to save them. Those who survived tell us that as many faced their horrific deaths their last words were "Remember us. Tell our story;" and

WHEREAS, with an alarming rise in anti-Semitism around the world, it is becoming even more critical to teach the lessons of the past in an effort to improve the future.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 17-026 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida recognizing the Days of Remembrance of the Victims of the Holocaust to be April 24 through April 28, 2017 including the Day of Remembrance known as Yom Hashoah, April 24, 2017, to be observed in all of Miami-Dade County's public schools.

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

Presented this fifteenth day of March, A.D. 2017

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary