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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR THE APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 17-013 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY FLORIDA, DESIGNATING MARCH 2017 AS WOMEN’S HISTORY MONTH TO BE CELEBRATED IN ALL MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

COMMITTEE: ACADEMICS, EVALUATION, AND TECHNOLOGY

LINK TO STRATEGIC BLUEPRINT: SAFE, HEALTHY, AND SUPPORTIVE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

In 1978, the Education Task Force of the Sonoma County (California) Commission on the Status of Women initiated a local Women’s History Week celebration to address the lack of K-12 curriculum inclusion and the general public consciousness regarding historical and contemporary contributions of women to our nation.

In 1980, the National Women’s History Project (NWHF) was founded in Santa Rosa, California as a non-profit organization by women committed to increasing the awareness of women’s historical achievements. The founders of the NWHF, petitioned the United States Congress to expand the weeklong celebration to the entire month of March. In 1987, encouraged by the successful campaign of NWHF, growing momentum and state-by-state resolution, Congress declared March as National Women’s History Month in perpetuity. Accordingly, a special Presidential Proclamation is issued each year honoring the extraordinary achievements of American Women.

Recognition of Women’s History Month continues to become increasingly widespread, nationally and throughout the world, as the vital roles of women and their important contributions are emerging. The theme for 2017’s celebration is “Honoring Trailblazing Women in Labor and Business.”

In 1998, the Florida Legislature amended Florida Statutes to require instruction in “women’s contributions to the United States.” Throughout the school year, students in Miami-Dade County Public Schools study the many contributions of women, how they have impacted history, and their relevance to today’s society. In recognition of Women’s History Month, select curriculum materials will be distributed to all schools to enlighten students about women’s contributions to our community, state, and nation.

ACTION PROPOSED BY

DR. BENDROSS-MINDINGALL: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida approve Resolution No. 17-013 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida designating March 2017 as Women's History Month to be celebrated in all Miami-Dade County Public Schools.

**RESOLUTION NO. 17-013
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA
DESIGNATING MARCH 2017 AS WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH TO BE CELEBRATED IN
ALL MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

WHEREAS, in 1978, the Education Task Force of the Sonoma County (California) Commission on the Status of Women initiated a Women's History Week celebration to commemorate the historical and contemporary contributions of women to our nation; and

WHEREAS, in 1987, encouraged by the successful campaign of the National Women's History Project (NWHF), growing momentum and state-by-state resolution, Congress declared the entire month of March as National Women's History Month in perpetuity; and

WHEREAS, the national month-long observance seeks to raise-awareness regarding the influence of women's legacy and achievements on our nation and cultures; and

WHEREAS, curriculum infusion of the historic achievements of women and the celebration of National Women's History Month are effective means to achieve equity goals within the classroom and to increase the consciousness of the general public; and

WHEREAS, this year represents the 39th anniversary of the Women's History Movement and the National Women's History Project; and

WHEREAS, the theme for 2017's celebration is "Honoring Trailblazing Women in Labor and Business;" and

WHEREAS, American women of every race, culture, class, ethnic, and socio-economic background are investing time, resources, and intellectual support to the advancement of our Nation and international endeavors on behalf of women worldwide; and

WHEREAS, American women are making historic contributions to the growth, nurturing, strength, educational enhancement, and scientific and technological advancement of our Nation and globally in countless recorded and unrecorded ways; and

WHEREAS, throughout the school year, students in Miami-Dade County Public Schools study the many contributions of women and how they are impacting history.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 17-013 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, designating March 2017 as Women's 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 twenty-fifth day of January, A.D. 2017

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary