

Ms. Perla Tabares Hantman, Board Member

Co-Sponsor: Ms. Maria Teresa Rojas, Board Member

**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 17-024 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, PROCLAIMING APRIL 2017 AS CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT PREVENTION MONTH IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

**COMMITTEE: INNOVATION, GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

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

Thirty-three years ago, Congress designated the week of June 6-12 as National Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Week. The following year, the observation was expanded to a month, as April was proclaimed the first National Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Month. Since then, child abuse and neglect awareness activities have been promoted across the country during April of each year.

The first federal child protection legislation was introduced in 1974 as the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (CAPTA). CAPTA was revised many times over the next 33 years. In 2003, the Keeping Children and Families Safe Act was passed with the same purpose as CAPTA. Currently, the Child Abuse Prevention Initiative reaches out to communities in an attempt to improve parenting skills and support family togetherness.

In 1989, the Blue Ribbon Campaign to Prevent Child Abuse had its early beginnings as a Virginia grandmother's tribute to her grandson who died as a result of abuse. She tied a blue ribbon to the antenna of her car as a way to remember him and to alert her community to the tragedy of child abuse. The Blue Ribbon Campaign has since expanded across the country, and many wear blue ribbons each April in memory of those who have died as a result of child abuse. Most recently, the focus has shifted toward a more positive message of celebrating "blue ribbon" individuals, organizations, and communities that have done much to prevent child abuse and neglect.

As an advocate for children, Miami-Dade County Public Schools honors the spirit of National Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Month everyday. The District is committed to providing a safe and nurturing learning environment for students to flourish and thrive.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY**

**PERLA TABARES HANTMAN:** That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 17-024 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, proclaiming April 2017 as Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Month in Miami-Dade County Public Schools.

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OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,  
PROCLAIMING APRIL 2017 AS CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT PREVENTION MONTH  
IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

**WHEREAS**, thirty-three years ago, Congress designated the week of June 6-12 as National Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Week, and the following year expanded to a month, as April was proclaimed the first National Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Month; and } Revised

**WHEREAS**, the first federal child protection legislation was introduced in 1974 as the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (CAPTA), which was revised many times over the next 33 years. Currently, the Child Abuse Prevention Initiative reaches out to communities in an attempt to improve parenting skills and support family togetherness; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1989, the Blue Ribbon Campaign to Prevent Child Abuse had its start as a Virginia grandmother's tribute to her grandson who died as a result of abuse. She tied a blue ribbon to the antenna of her car as a way to remember him; and

**WHEREAS**, the Blue Ribbon Campaign has since expanded across the country with many wearing blue ribbons each April in memory of those who died of abuse. Recently, the focus has shifted toward the positive message of celebrating "blue ribbon" individuals, organizations, and communities that have done much to prevent child abuse and neglect; and

**WHEREAS**, Amigos for Kids is a special organization that works to prevent child abuse and neglect, and bring awareness to the cause. This year Amigos for Kids celebrates their 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary; and } Added

**WHEREAS**, Miami-Dade County Public Schools honors the spirit of National Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Month everyday by providing a safe and nurturing learning environment for students to flourish and thrive.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 17-024 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, proclaiming April 2017 as Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Month in Miami-Dade County 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

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CHAIR

ATTEST:

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Secretary