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**SUBJECT: THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZE AND OBSERVE APRIL 2021 AS NATIONAL MINORITY HEALTH MONTH IN ALL MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS (M-DCPS)**

**COMMITTEE: ACADEMICS, INNOVATIONS, EVALUATION & TECHNOLOGY**

**LINK TO STRATEGIC BLUEPRINT: RELEVANT, RIGOROUS AND INNOVATIVE ACADEMICS**

April is National Minority Health Month, a time where we strive to raise awareness about health disparities that continue to affect racial and ethnic minority populations. Encouraging action through health education, early detection, and control of disease complications. Furthermore, the purpose of this month is to build awareness about the disproportionate burden of premature death and illness in minority populations.

National Minority Health Month began as Negro Health week in 1915 and was established by Booker T Washington. In 2002, National Minority Health Month received support from the U.S. Congress with a concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 388) that “a National Minority Health and Health Disparities Month should be established to promote educational efforts on the health problems currently facing minorities and other health disparity populations.” The resolution encouraged “all health organizations and Americans to conduct appropriate programs and activities to promote healthfulness in minority and other health disparity communities.”

The Health and Human Services Office of Minority Health recognized this year’s theme as #VaccineReady

This item has been reviewed and approved as to form and legal sufficiency by the School Board Attorney.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY DR. DOROTHY BENDROSS-MINDINGALL:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognize and observe April 2021 as National Minority Health Month in all Miami- Dade County Public Schools.