

Ms. Christi Fraga, Board Member

**SUBJECT: THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
RECOGNIZE THURSDAY, MAY 5, 2022, AS NATIONAL DAY OF
PRAYER**

COMMITTEE: PERSONNEL, STUDENT, SCHOOL & COMMUNITY SUPPORT

**LINK TO STRATEGIC
PLAN: INFORMED, ENGAGED, & EMPOWERED STAKEHOLDERS**

The National Day of Prayer is an annual day of observance held on the first Thursday of May, designated by the United States Congress. National Day of Prayer, which this year falls on Thursday, May 5, 2022, calls on all people of different faiths in the United States to pray for the nation, and its leaders.

On June 17, 1952, in a Joint Resolution of Congress, President Harry Truman signed a bill proclaiming the National Day of Prayer into law in the United States. President Ronald W. Reagan approved an amendment in 1988, designating the first Thursday of May each year as the National Day of Prayer.

The National Prayer Committee was established in the United States in 1972. It went on to create the National Day of Prayer Task Force, with the intended purpose of coordinating events for the National Day of Prayer. According to the Legal Information Institute, the President shall issue a proclamation each year designating the first Thursday in May as a National Day of Prayer on which the people of the United States may engage in prayer and meditation at houses of worship, in groups, and as individuals.

This agenda item seeks the Board's approval to recognize Thursday, May 5, 2022, as the National Day of Prayer in accordance with applicable School Board Policies, State and Federal law.

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

**ACTION PROPOSED BY
MS. CHRISTI FRAGA:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognize Thursday, May 5, 2022, as the National Day of Prayer, and direct the Superintendent to inform all school and District staff to respect students and staff's recognition of the National Day of Prayer in accordance with applicable School Board Policies 8800 - *Religious Ceremonies/Observances and Moment of Quiet Reflection*, and School Board Policy 8805 - *Religious Expression*, State and Federal law.

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