

Ms. Lucia Baez-Geller, School Board Member

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 23-016 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING THE DAYS OF REMEMBRANCE OF THE VICTIMS OF THE HOLOCAUST TO BE THE EVENING OF MONDAY, APRIL 17, 2023, TO THE EVENING OF TUESDAY, APRIL 18, 2023, INCLUDING THE DAY OF REMEMBRANCE KNOWN AS YOM HASHOAH, APRIL 18, 2023, TO BE OBSERVED IN ALL OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY'S PUBLIC SCHOOLS

COMMITTEE: ACADEMIC, INNOVATION, EVALUATION & TECHNOLOGY

LINK TO STRATEGIC PLAN: RELEVANT, RIGOROUS, & 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 the evening of Monday, April 17, 2023, to the evening of Tuesday, April 18, 2023, including the Day of Remembrance known as Yom HaShoah on April 18, 2023.

Each year, Miami-Dade County Public Schools emphasizes Holocaust education to teach students tolerance so that such crimes are not repeated against any group. Training is provided for teachers through the Department of Social Sciences in cooperation with the *University of Miami and the Holocaust Memorial in Miami Beach*.

Schools throughout the District receive instructional resources from the Department of Social Sciences and Holocaust survivors visit schools 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 murdered, 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 antisemitism in the United States and throughout the world, it is becoming even more critical to teach the lessons of the past to improve the future.

This item does not appear on the published Agenda. There exists good cause to vary from the published Agenda in order to timely and properly recognize the Days of Remembrance of the Victims of the Holocaust.

This item has been reviewed and approved by the General Counsel's Office as to form and legal sufficiency.

**Good Cause
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**ACTION PROPOSED BY
LUCIA BAEZ-GELLER:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 23-016 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing the Days of Remembrance of the Victims of the Holocaust to be the evening of Monday, April 17, 2023, to the evening of Tuesday, April 18, 2023, including the Day of Remembrance known as Yom HaShoah on April 18, 2023.

**REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 23-016
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OF MONDAY, APRIL 17, 2023, TO THE EVENING OF TUESDAY, APRIL 18, 2023,
INCLUDING THE DAY OF REMEMBRANCE KNOWN AS YOM HASHOAH, APRIL 18, 2023,
TO BE OBSERVED IN ALL MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

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 the evening of Monday, April 17, 2023, to the evening of Tuesday, April 18, 2023, including the Day of Remembrance known as Yom HaShoah on April 18, 2023; and

WHEREAS, each year, Miami-Dade County Public Schools emphasizes Holocaust education to teach students 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 murdered, 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.”

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 23-016 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida recognizing the Days of Remembrance of the Victims of the Holocaust to be the evening of Monday, April 17, 2023, to the evening of Tuesday, April 18, 2023, including the Day of Remembrance known as Yom HaShoah on April 18, 2023, to be observed in all 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. 2023

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

SCHOOL BOARD CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary