

Mr. Joseph S. Geller, Board Member

SUBJECT: THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZE APRIL 20 THROUGH APRIL 27, 2025, AS THE DAYS OF REMEMBRANCE OF THE VICTIMS OF THE HOLOCAUST, INCLUDING THE DAY OF REMEMBRANCE KNOWN AS YOM HASHOAH ON APRIL 24, 2025, TO BE OBSERVED THROUGHOUT MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS (M-DCPS)

COMMITTEE: ACADEMICS, INNOVATION, EVALUATION & TECHNOLOGY

LINK TO STRATEGIC PLAN: SAFE, HEALTHY, & SUPPORTIVE LEARNING ENVIRONMENTS

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 Sunday, April 20, 2025, to the evening of Monday, April 27, 2025, including the Day of Remembrance known as Yom HaShoah on April 24, 2025.

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 has been reviewed and approved by the Office of the General Counsel as to form and legal sufficiency.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY
MR. JOSEPH S. GELLER:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida:

1. Recognize April 20 through April 27, 2025, as the Days of Remembrance of the Victims of the Holocaust, including the Day of Remembrance known as Yom HaShoah on April 24, 2025, to be observed throughout Miami-Dade County Public Schools; and
2. Direct the Superintendent to explore the feasibility of expanding the District's Holocaust education programs with current partnerships and by identifying additional organizations that can contribute to the District's efforts and provide a report back to the board during the Academics, Innovation, Evaluation & Technology Committee Meeting on July 16th, 2025.