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SUBJECT: ENDORSING THE MONTH OF MARCH 2026 AS WOMEN’S HISTORY MONTH IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

COMMITTEE: ACADEMICS, INNOVATION, EVALUATION & TECHNOLOGY

LINK TO STRATEGIC PLAN: INFORMED, ENGAGED & EMPOWERED STAKEHOLDERS

Women’s History Month originated as a local celebration in Santa Rosa, California, in 1978, when the Education Task Force of the Sonoma County Commission on the Status of Women organized a “Women’s History Week” in recognition of International Women’s Day on March 8. The initiative quickly gained national momentum as communities and organizations across the country adopted similar observances to highlight the historical contributions of women.

In 1980, a coalition of women’s organizations and historians, led by the National Women’s History Project (now the National Women’s History Alliance), successfully advocated for federal recognition. That same year, President Jimmy Carter issued the first Presidential Proclamation designating the week of March 8 as National Women’s History Week. In 1987, Congress officially designated the month of March as Women’s History Month. Since 1995, every U.S. President has issued an annual proclamation recognizing March as Women’s History Month, honoring the significant contributions and achievements of women throughout American history.

Women’s History Month provides an important educational opportunity to deepen students’ understanding of American history by recognizing the diverse achievements, perspectives, and experiences of women across cultures, communities, and fields. These observances promote inclusive and accurate historical narratives, empower and engage students, and support critical thinking. Through classroom instruction, research projects, guest speakers, and other school-based events, students are able to explore the vital roles women have played, and continue to play, in shaping our world.

This item formally endorses the observance of March as Women’s History Month across Miami-Dade County Public Schools and supports student-centered learning experiences that highlight the historical and contemporary contributions of women.

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, endorses March 2026 as Women’s History Month in Miami-Dade County Public Schools.