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This year, Victims of Communism Day falls on Saturday, November 7, 2026. Pursuant to section 683.334, Florida Statutes, when November 7 falls on a day that is not a school day, the observance may take place on the preceding school day or on another school day designated by local school authorities. Building upon the School Board's previous recognition and commitment to educating students about this history, this item seeks approval to recognize

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November 9–13, 2026, as Victims of Communism Week in Miami-Dade County Public Schools, in accordance with School Board policies and state and federal law.

During Victims of Communism Week, educators are encouraged, where aligned with curriculum standards, to provide lessons, discussions, first-hand accounts, and age-appropriate educational activities that honor the memory of those who suffered under communist regimes, preserve the experiences of victims and survivors, and help students understand the importance of safeguarding freedom, democratic principles, individual rights, and human dignity for future generations.

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

**ACTION PROPOSED BY
MR. DANIEL ESPINO:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognize November 9-13, 2026, as Victims of Communism Week and request that the Superintendent encourage teachers, where aligned with curriculum standards, to engage students in meaningful discussions, lessons, first-hand accounts, and age-appropriate activities that honor the memory of those who suffered under communist regimes and reinforce the importance of safeguarding freedom, individual rights, and democratic principles.