

March 25, 2002

Dr. Robert B. Ingram, Member

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 02-16 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING THE RECOGNITION OF MAY 2002 AND EVERY SUBSEQUENT MAY AS ASIAN-PACIFIC AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH, AND AUTHORIZING ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS TO FOSTER RELATED ACTIVITIES IN ALL MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

In 1977 a week-long celebration of Asian-Pacific Americans was initiated. A formal recognition of Asian-Pacific Americans was expanded to a month by Congress and President George Bush in 1992. May was then designated as Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month, a time to celebrate the achievements and contributions of Asian-Pacific Americans. This designation prompts our diverse community to become aware of, recognize and celebrate the many historic, cultural, social and economic contributions of Asian-Pacific Americans to the United States.

ACTION PROPOSED BY

DR. ROBERT B. INGRAM: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 02-16 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, supporting the recognition of May 2002 and every subsequent May as Asian Pacific American Heritage Month, and authorizing administrative actions to foster related activities in all Miami-Dade County Public Schools.

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WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County Public Schools supports multicultural education and its ongoing efforts to educate the community about the merits of multicultural education; and

WHEREAS, promoting understanding and harmony among people is important to communities and their institutions; and

WHEREAS, Asian-Pacific American Heritage Week was designated by Congress in 1977 and heralded by President Jimmy Carter in 1978; and

WHEREAS, Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month was designated by Congress and by President George Bush in 1992; and

WHEREAS, the Asian-Pacific population is the fastest growing ethnic community in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County Public Schools' effort to provide its students with programs and services which emphasize ethnic pride, cultural sensitivity, positive intergroup relations, and cross-cultural communications is ongoing; and

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County Public Schools affirms the significance and importance of this merited recognition;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 02-16 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, supporting the recognition of May 2002 and every subsequent May as Asian-Pacific Heritage Month, and authorizing administrative actions to foster related activities in all Miami-Dade County Public Schools.

A copy of this resolution is placed in the permanent records of this Board.

Presented this 17th day of April, A.D. 2002

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary