Dr. Robert B. Ingram, Member

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 02-13 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, PROCLAIMING THURSDAY APRIL 25, 2002, AS "TAKE OUR CHILDREN TO WORK DAY," IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

The Ms. Foundation for Women created Take Our Daughters To Work Day ten years ago to help girls stay strong and remain confident. This nationally recognized program enables girls ages 9-15 to go to work with parents, adult mentors guardians, grandparents or other adult relatives or friends.

However, because spending a day at the workplace with parents or other adults can help heighten aspirations for boys as well as girls, three years ago Miami-Dade County Public Schools expanded the concept at the local level and provided this very special opportunity to all students between these ages. The project has been such a great success that again it is recommended that M-DCPS employees who are parents or guardians of children from ages 9-15 be encouraged to bring their children to work on April 25, 2002.

As in previous years, participating students must notify their schools prior to "Take Our Daughters/Children to Work Day." Provided all special instructions for participation are adhered to, the day will be recorded as an excused absence from the school.

ACTION PROPOSED BY DR. ROBERT B. INGRAM:

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 02-13 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, proclaiming Thursday, April 25, 2002, as "Take Our Children to Work Day," in Miami-Dade County Public Schools.

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WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County Public Schools has participated in the nationally recognized program, "Take Our Daughters to Work Day," since 1993; and

WHEREAS, this program, initiated by the Ms. Foundation for Women, enables girls ages 9-15 to go to work with their parents, adult mentors, guardians, or other adult relatives or friends; and

WHEREAS, the program focuses attention on the need for girls to stay strong and remain confident through their teenage years and into adulthood; and

WHEREAS, three years ago Miami-Dade County Public Schools recognized that spending a day at the workplace with parents or other adults can help heighten aspirations for boys as well as girls, the concept was expanded locally to include all students ages 9-15; and

WHEREAS, the project was such a great success for boys as well as girls and for employees, it is appropriate that boys continue to be included in the program;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 02-13 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, proclaiming Thursday, April 25, 2002, as "Take Our Children to Work Day," in Miami-Dade County Public Schools.

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

Presented this 13th day of March, A. D. 2002

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

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