

March 25, 2002

Dr. Robert B. Ingram, Member

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 02-17 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING MAY 2002 AND EVERY SUBSEQUENT MAY AS HAITIAN AMERICAN HERITAGE/CULTURE MONTH AND AUTHORIZING ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS TO FOSTER RELATED ACTIVITIES

Throughout the history of Haiti, May has been a month for commemorating Haitian culture, with Haitians across the globe celebrating their achievements and contributions. This occasion gives our diverse community an opportunity to recognize and celebrate the many historic, cultural, social and economic contributions of Haitians to the United States and the world.

As a way to promote understanding and harmony among people of all cultures, Miami-Dade County Public Schools provides students with many programs that emphasize ethnic pride, positive intergroup relations and cross-cultural communication; therefore, approval is requested for Resolution No. 02-17 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, endorsing May 2002 as Haitian American Heritage/Culture Month in Miami-Dade County Public Schools.

ACTION PROPOSED BY

DR. ROBERT B. INGRAM: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 02-17 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing May 2002 and every subsequent May as Haitian American Heritage/Culture Month, and authorizing administrative actions to foster related activities.

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OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
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WHEREAS, promoting understanding and harmony among people is important to communities and their institutions; and

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County Public Schools' efforts 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, the Haitian people are heirs to a magnificent and rich heritage which they have shared with many others here in Miami-Dade County; and

WHEREAS, the commemoration of Haitian American Heritage/Culture has evolved throughout the history of Haiti with Haitians across the globe celebrating in festive ways; 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. 02-17 submitted by Dr. Robert B. Ingram, Member of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing May 2002 and every subsequent May as Haitian American Heritage/Culture Month in 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, 2002 A.D.

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary