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SUBJECT: SCHOOL BOARD ENDORSEMENT OF APRIL 23-29, 2017, AS NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

COMMITTEE: INNOVATION, GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS, AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

LINK TO STRATEGIC BLUEPRINT: INFORMED, ENGAGED, AND EMPOWERED STAKEHOLDERS

National Volunteer Week is an annual celebration observed in the United States to endorse and show appreciation for volunteerism. It was first established in the United States via Presidential Proclamation 4288, and signed by President Richard Nixon in 1974. A National Volunteer Week new proclamation has been issued by the American President each year since the holiday's origin.

The Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) Volunteer Program welcomes the experience assets and human resources of members of our very diverse community. School volunteers bring with them many varied skills and talents that are personalized to the needs of the students and our community. Each year, over 25,000 volunteers share their time and talent enriching and inspiring the lives of students in our schools. Our volunteers serve as classroom, clerical, and library/media volunteers; as members of the Educational Excellence School Advisory Councils (EESAC), as tutors, as speakers/presenters, as members of the PTA/PTSA, and as our Dade Partners affiliates, among many others. It should also be noted that M-DCPS Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) provides our most cherished residents, those retired individuals 55 and older, a chance to donate their time, expertise, and experience as school volunteers.

The manner of celebration for national volunteer week varies, but many organizations host special events and news media information to engage local communities in volunteering and make them aware of the many opportunities available year round. Miami-Dade County Public Schools is grateful to all the volunteers who serve our school community.

ACTION PROPOSED BY MARIA TERESA ROJAS: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve the endorsement of April 23-29, 2017, as National Volunteer Week in Miami-Dade County Public Schools.