

PROCLAMATION

NATIONAL MULTICULTURAL DIVERSITY DAY

Whereas, National Multicultural Diversity Day was first adopted as a national event by the 1993 Representative Assembly of the National Education Association to “increase awareness of the tremendous need to celebrate our diversity collectively;” and

Whereas, the Palm Beach County School District believes that people from diverse backgrounds can learn, work, and live together with respect and harmony, overcoming prejudices, fears, and stereotypes about people from various cultural and linguistic backgrounds; and

Whereas, the Palm Beach County School District includes students that represent over 168 countries in the world including the United States. Over 150 languages and dialects are among those spoken in homes around Palm Beach County; and

Whereas, over 21,000 people employed by the District to operate a system of public schools for this community of over a million people represent a range of the full spectrum of cultural diversity; and

Whereas, the District has enthusiastically fulfilled state mandates to develop and infuse multicultural curriculum including: African and African American Studies; Hispanic Studies, Holocaust Awareness; Native American Studies, Women’s Studies, and initiated the Haitian and Haitian American Studies Curriculum.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Superintendent and the School Board of Palm Beach County proclaims Monday October 16, 2006, as National Multicultural Diversity Day.

Done this eighteenth day of October, two thousand six, in West Palm Beach, Florida.

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