

Dr. Martin Karp, Member

**SUBJECT: REQUEST THAT THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-
DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, APPROVE RESOLUTION
NO. 05-26 RECOGNIZING THE SPONSORING
ORGANIZATIONS FOR THEIR 10 YEARS OF
COMMITMENT TO THE H.O.P.E. (HELP OVERCOME
PET EUTHANASIA) CONTEST**

COMMITTEE: SCHOOL SUPPORT ACCOUNTABILITY

The H.O.P.E. (Help Overcome Pet Euthanasia) Contest is an annual event sponsored by the Humane Society of Greater Miami and Miami-Dade Police Department Animal Services Unit. More than 20,000 animals are euthanized each year due to our enormous pet overpopulation problem plaguing the community. The Contest is a countywide district approved initiative that was created to raise awareness about this issue.

The H.O.P.E. Contest, which is celebrating its 10th anniversary, provides students in grades 3-8 with an opportunity to address the pet overpopulation problem through creative problem-solving activities. Students learn the importance of responsible pet ownership and spaying and neutering.

Through the Humane Society of Greater Miami and the Miami-Dade Police Department Animal Services Unit sponsorship of the H.O.P.E. Contest, students in the Miami-Dade County Public Schools are able to participate in a challenging and meaningful program.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY
DR. MARTIN KARP:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida approve Resolution No. 05-26 recognizing the sponsoring organizations for their 10 year commitment to the H.O.P.E. Contest.

**RESOLUTION NO. 05-26
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA
RECOGNIZING THE SPONSORING ORGANIZATIONS FOR THEIR 10 YEAR
COMMITMENT TO THE H.O.P.E. CONTEST**

WHEREAS, the Humane Society of Greater Miami and the Miami-Dade Police Department Animal Services Unit sponsors of the H.O.P.E. Contest provides students with an opportunity to address the pet overpopulation problem in our community through creative problem-solving activities; and

WHEREAS, the H.O.P.E. Contest provides students with an opportunity to make a difference and learn the importance of responsible pet ownership and spaying and neutering; and

WHEREAS, the H.O.P.E. Contest enables students to participate in a challenging and meaningful program;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida approve resolution No.05-26 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing the Humane Society of Greater Miami and the Miami-Dade Police Department Animal Services Unit for their 10 year commitment to the H.O.P.E. Contest.

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

Presented this fifteenth day of June, A.D. 2005

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

SECRETARY