

Proclamation

THE CITY OF MIAMI, FLORIDA

Whereas: The City of Miami values the philosophy that cherishes our environment, seeking to preserve and elevate our quality of life; and

Whereas: The National Environmental Education Foundation, in observance of National Environmental Education Week, is encouraging education organizations, associations and agencies to set aside April 12 – 18, 2009, to provide a full week of environmental educational programming in K-12 classrooms, on college campuses and in more informal settings such as nature centers, zoos, aquaria and museums; and

Whereas: The City of Miami, in recognition of the importance of environmental literacy for cultivating and sustaining good stewardship of water resources, is joining the National Environmental Education Foundation to host a city-wide signature event, "Focus on Miami," an Education Compact designed to improve academic programs through technology and environmental initiatives with stronger ties to the Miami community; and

Whereas: The Education Compact seeks to engage the local environmental education community and corporate scientists and engineers to create supporting classroom materials for scientifically-sound school water audit protocols to be carried out by students in Miami-Dade County Public Schools, a program generating strong partnerships among public and private groups, local NGOs and our local government, inspiring other school systems to engage in similar collaborations; and

Whereas: It is fitting and appropriate that Officials of the City of Miami, on behalf of our citizens, highlight this one-of-a-kind public-private partnership with The National Environmental Education Foundation, *Be Water Wise Miami*, made possible by Walmart with partnering organizations that include Miami-Dade Public Schools, Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden, HydroPoint Data Systems, Inc., Johnson Controls, Inc., South Florida Water Management District, Miami-Dade County Water and Sewer Department and the United States Environmental Protection Agency, all pledged to the important work of a strong collaboration to save Florida's precious water resources:

Whereas: I, Manuel A. Diaz, Mayor of the City of Miami, Florida, do hereby proclaim the fifteenth of April in the year 2009, as

BE WATER WISE MIAMI DAY

In Observance Thereof: I call upon all residents of the City of Miami to join in working to ensure the availability of pure water quality for future generations.

In Witness Whereof: I hereunto set my hand and cause the seal of the City of Miami to be affixed.

Done: In the Office of the Mayor of the City of Miami, Florida.

April 15, 2009


Manuel A. Diaz, Mayor

