

Dr. Robert B. Ingram, Member

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 02-18 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING KRISTI HOUSE FOR ITS OUTSTANDING SOCIAL SERVICE WORK TO HELP ENSURE THE HEALTH AND WELL-BEING OF THE CHILDREN OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY

Through Kristi House, an Oriowitz-Lee children's advocacy center, services are provided to child victims of sexual abuse and their families. Its staff works collaboratively with law enforcement; child protective services; and medical, legal, and mental health agencies to accomplish its mission, which is to provide opportunities for individuals to explore social, educational and rehabilitative activities designed to balance and stabilize their emotional and psycho-social health as a result of their traumatic experience.

Children who are healthy both mentally and physically are more likely to succeed in school. Therefore, it is fitting that this School Board recognize Kristi House and its support staff and programs for the positive impact they have had and continue to have on many of Miami-Dade County Public Schools' children.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY
DR. ROBERT B. INGRAM:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 02-18 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Kristi House for its outstanding social service work to help ensure the health and well-being of the children of Miami-Dade County.

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OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA
RECOGNIZING KRISTI HOUSE FOR ITS OUTSTANDING SOCIAL SERVICE WORK
TO HELP ENSURE THE HEALTH AND WELL-BEING OF THE CHILDREN OF
MIAMI-DADE COUNTY

WHEREAS, Kristi House was created to provide for the needs of children and families suffering from the painful, devastating, and long-term effects of child's sexual abuse; and

WHEREAS, both the professional staff and volunteers at Kristi House through their caring, vision and philanthropy, make a vital difference in the lives of sexually abused children; and

WHEREAS, children are our future and deserve the opportunity not only for a quality education, but for social and emotional good health and happiness; and

WHEREAS, Kristi House staff collaborates with law enforcement; child protective services; and medical, legal, mental health and similar agencies to offer case management and tracking, on-site therapy, education, training workshops, transportation and referral service for children in a sensitive and multidisciplinary setting;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 02-18 of the School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Kristi House for its outstanding social service work to help ensure the health and well-being of the children of Miami-Dade County.

Presented this seventeenth day of April A.D. 2002

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary