

Dr. Dorothy Bendross-Mindingall, Board Member

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 11-039 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING THE DADE COUNTY ALUMNAE CHAPTER OF DELTA SIGMA THETA FOR THEIR COMMITMENT TO EDUCATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

LINK TO STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK: STUDENT, PARENT, AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. was founded nearly a century ago by 22 pioneering students at the historically black Howard University to use their collective strength to encourage academic excellence through scholarships and to provide support to the underserved. They also wanted to highlight important issues in their community and provide valuable solutions to them. The non-profit organization has a membership of 200,000 with more than 900 chapters around the globe including Germany, Japan and the Republic of Korea.

The Dade County Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority was established on January 10, 1981 at the Belafonte-Talcolcy Center. The sorority's public service is based on a Five-Point Thrust, which emphasizes economic development, educational development, international awareness and involvement, physical and mental health, and political awareness and involvement.

The Dade County Alumnae Chapter's economic development and financial projects include the Dade County Building Fund, financial seminars and Delta Boutique. They foster young women through Delta GEMS and the Delta Academy. The chapter is involved with the Haiti relief Funds efforts. They are also Susan B. Komen Bronze sponsors as well as being active in the Health Fair in Miami Gardens, Firefighters Blood Pressure Check and Weight Challenge. The civic-minded organization hosts Delta Days in Tallahassee and Washington, D.C., in addition to Census and Voter's Registration Drives.

The Dade County Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority is to be commended for its commitment to the students and families of South Florida. The chapter has provided more than \$100,000 in scholarships to our Miami-Dade public high school students. The current scholarship recipients are attending Harvard University, Georgetown University, Emory University and the University of Florida.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY
DR. DOROTHY BENDROSS-MINDINGALL:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 11-039 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing the Dade County Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta for their commitment to education and community service.

**Replacement
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OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
RECOGNIZING THE DADE COUNTY ALUMNAE CHAPTER OF DELTA SIGMA THETA
FOR THEIR COMMITMENT TO EDUCATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICE**

WHEREAS, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. was founded nearly a century ago by 22 pioneering students at the historically black Howard University to use their collective strength to encourage academic excellence through scholarships and to provide support to the underserved; and

WHEREAS, the non-profit organization has a membership of 200,000 with more than 900 chapters around the globe including Germany, Japan and the Republic of Korea; and

WHEREAS the Dade County Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority was established on January 10, 1981 at the Belafonte-Talcolcy Center; and

WHEREAS, the Dade County Alumnae Chapter is involved in the Dade County Building Fund, financial seminars, Haiti relief Funds efforts, Delta Days in Tallahassee and Washington, D.C and Census and Voter's Registration Drives; and

WHEREAS, the chapter has provided more than \$100,000 in scholarships to our Miami-Dade public high school students. The current scholarship recipients are attending Harvard University, Georgetown University, Emory University and the University of Florida; and

WHEREAS, the Dade County Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority is to be commended for its commitment to the students and families of South Florida;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 11-039 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing the Dade County Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta for their commitment to education and community service.

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

Presented this ninth day of March, A.D. 2011

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary