

Ms. Perla Tabares Hantman, Chair

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 11-100 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING LEON MEDICAL CENTERS ON THE 15TH ANNIVERSARY OF SERVICE TO OUR COMMUNITY

COMMITTEE: INNOVATION, EFFICIENCY AND GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

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

Founded in 1996 by Benjamín León, Jr., Leon Medical Centers is a healthcare service provider offering comprehensive healthcare services to Medicare patients in Miami-Dade County. According to Mr. León, Leon Medical Centers aims to create and maintain an environment of respect, dignity and compassion while remaining sensitive to the community it serves. The family-owned business operates seven centers located in Miami, Westchester, East Hialeah, Bird Road, West Hialeah, Kendall, and Flagler. The centers offer services such as primary care, specialist care, an on-site pharmacy, dentistry, ophthalmology, and free delivery of medications.

A visionary in the healthcare field, Mr. León has been serving the seniors and families in our community for more than four decades. Under his leadership, Leon Medical Centers has become one of the largest and most prestigious healthcare institutions in the state and has been recognized as a model for healthcare institutions on local and national levels.

An advocate for community service, Mr. León supports the American Cancer Society's Making Strides Against Breast Cancer, La Liga Contra el Cancer, Hope for Vision, Kristi House, the American Diabetes Association, and many other organizations. His generous gift to the Florida International University Herbert Wertheim College of Medicine, established the Benjamín León, Jr. Family Center for Geriatric Research and Education and the Leon Medical Centers Eminent Scholars Chair in Geriatrics at the university. Miami-Dade County Public Schools commends Leon Medical Centers and its founder, Benjamín León, Jr., for their commitment and support of the families of the Miami-Dade County community.

ACTION PROPOSED BY CHAIR

PERLA TABARES HANTMAN: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 11-100 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Leon Medical Centers on the 15th Anniversary of service to our community.

**RESOLUTION NO. 11-100
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
RECOGNIZING LEON MEDICAL CENTERS ON THE
15TH ANNIVERSARY OF SERVICE TO OUR COMMUNITY**

WHEREAS, founded in 1996 by Benjamín León, Jr., Leon Medical Centers is a healthcare service provider offering comprehensive healthcare services to Medicare patients in Miami-Dade County; and

WHEREAS, Leon Medical Centers aims to create and maintain an environment of respect, dignity and compassion while remaining sensitive to the community it serves; and

WHEREAS, the family-owned business operates seven centers located in Miami, Westchester, East Hialeah, Bird Road, West Hialeah, Kendall, and Flagler. The centers offer services such as primary care, specialist care, an on-site pharmacy, dentistry, ophthalmology, and free delivery of medications; and

WHEREAS, under Mr. León's leadership, Leon Medical Centers has become one of the largest and most prestigious healthcare institutions in the state and has been recognized as a model for healthcare institutions on local and national levels; and

WHEREAS, an advocate for community service, Mr. León supports several organizations, including the American Cancer Society's Making Strides Against Breast Cancer, La Liga Contra el Cancer, Hope for Vision, Kristi House, and the American Diabetes Association; and

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County Public Schools commends Leon Medical Centers and its founder, Benjamín León, Jr., for their commitment and support of the families of the Miami-Dade County community;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 11-100 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Leon Medical Centers on the 15th Anniversary of service to our community.

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

Presented this seventh day of September, A.D. 2011

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary