

Dr. Wilbert "Tee" Holloway, Board Member

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 11-128 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING THE SIGMA ALPHA AND PI NU CHAPTERS OF OMEGA PSI PHI FRATERNITY, INC. FOR THEIR DEDICATION TO PUBLIC SERVICE AND ON THE CELEBRATION OF THE FRATERNITY'S 100TH ANNIVERSARY

COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

LINK TO STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK: EDUCATION

Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. was the first international fraternity established at a historically black college. The fraternity was founded on November 17, 1911, at Howard University by three pioneering students. The founding fathers conceived their fraternity name Omega Psi Phi from the Greek phrase, 'friendship is essential to the soul.' The fraternity is guided by the principles of manhood, scholarship, perseverance, and uplift. Its philanthropy includes a college endowment fund, social action programs, health initiatives, a voter registration, education, and mobilization efforts. Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. currently has 700 chapters in such far away locations as Korea, Kuwait, Germany and Liberia.

Miami-Dade County is home to two exemplary chapters of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity - Sigma Alpha and Pi Nu. The Sigma Alpha Chapter was established in 1939 by 15 enterprising men to reinforce and promote the principles of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. The chapter has a long-standing tradition of service in the community with many of its members in leadership positions in the NAACP and City of Miami. The Sigma Alpha Chapter opened the Omega Activity Center, which serves as their meeting place as well as a popular facility for hosting weddings, luncheons and political rallies. The Pi Nu Chapter was founded four decades ago to service south Miami-Dade County. The chapter demonstrates its commitment to the community through its Thanksgiving Project, Christmas Toy Drive and other activities for underprivileged children.

The Sigma Alpha and Pi Nu chapters of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. are to be commended for their dedication to education and community service. The men of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity are prime examples of leadership and humanity in action.

ACTION PROPOSED BY DR. WILBERT "TEE" HOLLOWAY:

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 11-128 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing the Sigma Alpha and Pi Nu chapters of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. for their dedication to public service and on the celebration of the fraternity's 100th anniversary.

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OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
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FRATERNITY, INC. FOR THEIR DEDICATION TO PUBLIC SERVICE AND ON THE
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WHEREAS, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. was the first international fraternity established at a historically black college. The fraternity was founded on November 17, 1911, at Howard University by three pioneering students; and

WHEREAS, the founding fathers conceived their fraternity name Omega Psi Phi from the Greek phrase, 'friendship is essential to the soul.' The fraternity is guided by the principles of manhood, scholarship, perseverance, and uplift; and

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County is home to two exemplary chapters of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity - Sigma Alpha and Pi Nu; and

WHEREAS, the Sigma Alpha Chapter was established in 1939 by 15 enterprising men to reinforce and promote the principles of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. and has a long-standing tradition of service in the community with many of its members in leadership positions in the NAACP and City of Miami; and

WHEREAS, the Pi Nu Chapter was founded four decades ago to service south Miami-Dade County. The chapter demonstrates its commitment to the community through its Thanksgiving Project, Christmas Toy Drive and other activities for underprivileged children; and

WHEREAS, the Sigma Alpha and Pi Nu chapters of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. are to be commended for their dedication to education and community service. The men of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity are prime examples of leadership and humanity in action;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 11-128 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing the Sigma Alpha and Pi Nu chapters of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. for their dedication to public service and on the celebration of the fraternity's 100th anniversary.

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

Presented this twenty-second day of November, A.D. 2011

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary