

Dr. Lawrence S. Feldman, Board Member

SUBJECT: REQUEST APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 13-074 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA RECOGNIZING THE VILLAGE OF PINECREST'S KINDNESS TOUR AND DESIGNATION AS A COMMUNITY OF RESPECT

COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

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

The Village of Pinecrest has a rich reputation as a community dedicated to public service and community engagement. It recently earned the coveted designation as a Community of Respect by the Anti-Defamation League (ADL). The ADL created the Community of Respect Initiative to allow municipalities, organizations, houses of worship and businesses to be honored for their efforts to promote diversity and respect through adopting a local school to become a No Place for Hate school. As a Community of Respect, Pinecrest will adopt and sign the Resolution of Respect and receive a banner.

The Village of Pinecrest has the distinction of being the first community in the state to have all of its schools participate in the No Place for Hate program. No Place for Hate schools sign a Resolution of Respect and participate in anti-bias activities that promote equality, understanding and acceptance regardless of race, language, color or culture. Pinecrest's No Place for Hate Schools include Miami Palmetto Senior High, Palmetto Middle, Howard Drive Elementary, Pinecrest Elementary and Palmetto Elementary schools.

In addition, the ADL promotes its National Youth Leadership Mission (NYLM) through its Kindness Tour. Each year, a group of student delegates participate in a three-day program in the nation's capital, which examines the effects of discrimination and hatred. Activities include a visit to the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum. The delegates then return home to share the message of kindness and hope with their school mates and community. Although local NYLM students did not participate in the three day program this year, students joined together to initiate and kick off a Kindness Tour, which will be carried out next school year. Students and counselors created 'Kindness Boards' in their schools which involved students carrying out Acts of Kindness in the schools for a week-long period as a kick-off event.

The Village of Pinecrest is to be commended for its commitment to upholding the principles of acceptance, justice and compassion among its residents.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY
DR. LAWRENCE S. FELDMAN:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 13-074 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing the Village of Pinecrest's Kindness Tour and designation as a Community of Respect.

**Replacement
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**RESOLUTION NO. 13-074
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
RECOGNIZING THE VILLAGE OF PINECREST'S KINDNESS TOUR AND
DESIGNATION AS A COMMUNITY OF RESPECT**

WHEREAS, the Village of Pinecrest has a rich reputation as a community dedicated to public service and community engagement. It recently earned the coveted designation as a Community of Respect by the Anti-Defamation League (ADL); and

WHEREAS, the ADL created the Community of Respect Initiative to allow municipalities, organizations, houses of worship and businesses to be honored for their efforts to promote diversity and respect through adopting a local school to become a No Place for Hate school; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Pinecrest has the distinction of being the first community in the state to have all of its schools participate in the No Place for Hate program. No Place for Hate schools sign a Resolution of Respect and participate in anti-bias activities that promote equality, understanding and acceptance regardless of race, language, color or culture. Pinecrest's No Place for Hate Schools include Miami Palmetto Senior High, Palmetto Middle, Howard Drive Elementary, Pinecrest Elementary and Palmetto Elementary schools; and

WHEREAS, in addition, the ADL promotes its National Youth Leadership Mission through its Kindness Tour. Each year, a group of student delegates participate in a three-day program in the nation's capital, which examines the effects of discrimination and hatred; and

WHEREAS, local National Youth Leadership Mission students activities included a Kindness Tour aimed at sharing the message of kindness and hope with their school mates and community; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Pinecrest is to be commended for its commitment to upholding the principles of acceptance, justice and compassion among its residents;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 13-074 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing the Village of Pinecrest's Kindness Tour and designation as a Community of Respect.

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

Presented this eighth day of May, A.D. 2013

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary