

Ms. Lubby Navarro, Board Member

SUBJECT: REQUEST APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 16-009 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING MIAMI WATERCOLOR SOCIETY

COMMITTEE: INNOVATION, GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

LINK TO STRATEGIC BLUEPRINT: INFORMED, ENGAGED AND EMPOWERED STAKEHOLDERS

The Miami Watercolor Society, Inc. is a non-profit organization founded in 1974 by Peter Drew. Mr. Drew brought together a group of painters who shared his interest in exploring the watercolor medium and they formed the original charter membership of 66 artists. It has now nearly 200 members consisting of water media painters ranging from professionals to art educators and those who simply paint for the joy of it, as well as patrons of the arts.

The Miami Watercolor Society is a culturally diverse organization which both informs and educates its members and the public by providing exhibitions, offering community education, water media workshops, student exhibitions, art teacher workshops, and demonstrations.

For the past 30 years, the Miami Watercolor Society, Inc. has partnered with Miami-Dade County Public Schools (MDCPS), through the District's Division of Academics, Visual and Performing Arts, by providing instruction in watercolor painting to art teachers and students and sponsoring an annual watercolor exhibition, "Impressions in Watercolor".

Each year hundreds of students have their art displayed for parents and visitors, so that all gain an appreciation of the student's work and the curriculum offered in the schools. The exhibition has become one of the most prestigious student art events, the only one that is centered around one medium, watercolor. Tours and watercolor workshops conducted by museum educators and Miami Watercolor Society members are available to classes of students.

The exhibit has grown from a display of some 50 paintings at the Coral Reef Library to a selection of 250 to 350 paintings for annual exhibition. Thanks to the support of the Miami-Dade County Cultural Affairs Council, the Miami Watercolor Society presents more than \$2,000 in awards each year to student winners.

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The Miami Watercolor Society purchases one painting from the top award student for \$200, which is framed and hung in the MDCPS' permanent collection. Additionally, an exemplary art teacher and student are awarded a complimentary one-day watercolor workshop, organized by the Miami Watercolor Society and MDCPS' Division of Visual and Performing Arts. The award is presented to an art teacher who has demonstrated a commitment to art education, the student gallery, and the use of watercolors as an integral aspect of their curriculum.

The Miami Watercolor Society, Inc. is recognized by this resolution for their outstanding commitment in supporting arts in our public schools.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY
LUBBY NAVARRO:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 16-009 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Miami Watercolor Society, Inc.

**RESOLUTION NO. 16-009
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
RECOGNIZING MIAMI WATERCOLOR SOCIETY, INC.**

WHEREAS, The Miami Watercolor Society, Inc. is a non-profit organization founded in 1974 by Peter Drew; and

WHEREAS, The Miami Watercolor Society, Inc. has approximately 200 members consisting of water media painters ranging from professionals to art educators and those who simply paint for the joy of it, as well as patrons of the arts; and

WHEREAS, The Miami Watercolor Society, Inc. is a culturally diverse organization which both informs and educates its members and the public; and

WHEREAS, The Miami Watercolor Society has been providing instruction in watercolor painting to teachers and students from the Miami-Dade County Public Schools for the past 30 years and has sponsored an annual watercolor exhibition; and

WHEREAS, The "Impressions in Watercolor" exhibition has become one of the most prestigious student art events, the only one that is centered around one medium, watercolor; and

WHEREAS, The Watercolor Society, Inc. should be commended for their remarkable work on behalf of the children and families of Miami-Dade County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 16-009 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida recognizing Miami Watercolor Society, Inc.

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

Presented this thirteenth day of January, A.D. 2016

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary