

Ms. Lubby Navarro, Board Member

SUBJECT: REQUEST APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 16-056 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING MAY AS NATIONAL FOSTER CARE AWARENESS MONTH

COMMITTEE: INNOVATION, GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

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The Month of May is National Foster Care Awareness Month, families and children across the nation remember our children who have entered the child welfare system at no fault of their own.

Every child needs and deserves a loving, supportive, and nurturing, family; and foster care provides a unique opportunity to improve children's lives and enrich the lives of their families, and their communities.

As many as 3,400 children in Miami-Dade and Monroe Counties are in the child welfare system at any given time. The Florida Department of Children and Families, Community Based Care Lead Agencies, the Governor's Office of Adoption and Child Protection, Heart Galleries, state and local agencies and various organizations work together to raise awareness of foster care in Miami-Dade and Monroe Counties.

We recognize foster families, including relatives and grandparents, who are raising children that have been abused, abandoned or neglected and, need continued support in the days and years ahead.

As a community, we have a duty to provide these vulnerable children with the safety, stability and love they so desperately need and deserve.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY
LUBBY NAVARRO:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 16-056 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, Recognizing May As National Foster Care Awareness Month.

**RESOLUTION NO. 16-056
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
RECOGNIZING MAY AS NATIONAL FOSTER CARE AWARENESS MONTH**

WHEREAS, the Month of May, is National Foster Care Awareness, and families and children across the nation remember our children who are have entered the child welfare system at no fault of their own; and

WHEREAS, every child needs and deserves a loving, supportive, and nurturing, family; and

WHEREAS, foster care provides a unique opportunity to improve children's lives and enrich the lives of their families, and their communities; and

WHEREAS, as many as 3,400 children in Miami-Dade and Monroe Counties are in the child welfare system at any given time; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Department of Children and Families, Community Based Care Lead Agencies, the Governor's Office of Adoption and Child Protection, Heart Galleries, state and local agencies and various organizations work together to raise awareness of foster care in Miami-Dade and Monroe Counties; and

WHEREAS, we recognize foster families, including relatives and grandparents, who are raising children that have been abused, abandoned or neglected and, need continued support in the days and years ahead.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 16-056 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Recognizing May As National Foster Care Awareness Month.

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

Presented this eleventh day of May, A.D. 2016

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary