

Ms. Susie V. Castillo, Board Member

SUBJECT: REQUEST APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 16-090 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY COMMISSION FOR WOMEN

COMMITTEE: INNOVATION, GOVERNMENT RELATIONS, AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

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The Miami-Dade County Commission for Women (CFW) was created on January 19, 1971 with the mission of serving in an advisory capacity to the County Commission, County administration, the community, and all agencies and individuals in Miami-Dade on matters pertaining to the status of women.

The CFW's objective is to seek for every woman opportunity equal to her potential; to inspire in women a desire for self-improvement and pride, regardless of race, color, creed, or age; encourage the involvement of women in matters pertaining to community progress, and work toward legislation and policies granting women equality before the law. Since its inception, the CFW has advocated for issues and legislation of importance to women such as: the Family Leave Ordinance of 1991, the Gender Pricing Ordinance of 1997, the Domestic Leave Ordinance of 1999, the Living Wage Ordinance of 1999, and various Equal Pay and Wage theft laws.

The Commission has also hosted/co-hosted countless public forums and workshops on issues like domestic violence, women in business, political empowerment, equal pay, and women's health, among many others. It also publishes the "Connections" directory of local women's organizations in Miami-Dade, and co-sponsors the county's annual "In the Company of Women" awards. Additionally, the CFW helped make possible the creation of the Julia Tuttle statue (in Bayfront Park), and created a scholarship benefitting students from Miami's Young Women's Preparatory Academy last year.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY
MS. SUSIE V. CASTILLO:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 16-090 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing the Miami-Dade County Commission for Women.

**RESOLUTION NO. 16-090
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
RECOGNIZING THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY COMMISSION FOR WOMEN**

WHEREAS, created in 1971, the Miami-Dade County Commission for Women (CFW) is an advisory board to the Board of County Commissioners, the County Administration and the public at large about issues pertaining to the status of women and girls; and

WHEREAS, the Commission advocates for women and girls in the community and strives to help improve their quality of life, by working with local agencies and organizations providing services to women; and

WHEREAS, members of the CFW are Miami-Dade County residents, appointed by County Commissioners, to advise on women's issues ranging from domestic violence to human trafficking and gender equality, assist women in the community, and advocate for laws and policies that help and empower women; and

WHEREAS, last year, the CFW established the first annual "Young Woman Achiever" scholarship for graduating students from Young Women's Preparatory Academy, Miami-Dade's only all-girls public high school; and

WHEREAS, since the start of the scholarship program last year, the Miami-Dade Commission for Women has awarded a total of five scholarships; and

WHEREAS, the Miami-Dade County Commission for Women is to be recognized for their tireless advocacy and commitment to advancing the status of women and girls in Miami-Dade.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 16-090 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing the Miami-Dade County Commission for Women.

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

Presented this seventh day of September, A.D. 2016

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary