

Dr. Dorothy Bendross-Mindingall, Vice Chair

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 16-100 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING AARP NW MIAMI CHAPTER 4686

COMMITTEE: INNOVATION, GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS, & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

LINK TO STRATEGIC BLUEPRINT: INFORMED, ENGAGED & EMPOWERED STAKEHOLDERS

On November 15, 1991, the Northwest Miami Chapter# 4686 was chartered under the leadership of Mrs. Nancy S. Dawkins and Ms. Martha Day. Mrs. Nancy Dawkins serves as President Emeritus and she is the wife of the late City of Miami Commissioner Miller Dawkins. She served as their first president and is still a very active member serving on the board and providing community information at their monthly meetings. Ms. Martha Day was the very first treasurer and still serves as an active member. In the 24 years, this chapter has had ten presidents, as followed:

1990-1993	Nancy Dawkins
1993-1995	Hosley Gray*
1995-1997	Elry Sands *
1997-2000	Elois Johnson*
2000-2003	Willard Hart*
2003-2005	Lenora Lamb
2005-2006	Elaine Symonette
2006-2014	Lillie Williams
2014-2015	Diane Smithson
2015-present	Debra Dawkins

*deceased members

For more than 24 years, the Northwest Miami Chapter #4686 of AARP has been serving their members and community by creating positive social change. It is their mission to enhance the quality of life for all surrounding residents as they age. The goal for all those over the age of 50 is to lead positive socially active lives and deliver value to all community members through advocacy, service and information. Their membership total as of September 2016 is 146 members.

The organization has volunteered and collaborated with other organizations throughout our community, including but not limited to:

- No More Broken Hearts” Conference at Georgia Jones-Ayers Middle School
- Senior Mobility Fair at Arcola Lakes Senior Center
- Fearless Caregiver Conference in Coral Gables,
- Community Conversations on Aging in Miami-Dade County
- Safe Summer Peace, Walk/Run Job & Resource Fair at Miami Northwestern Senior High School
- Community Health & Resource Fair at Gibson Park
- Public Service Hearing at Florida Memorial University
- Opening of Take a Stand Campaign Office in Davie, Florida

They also provide programming for their members that focus on health, education and wellness. In addition, they host a driver's safety class. It is organizations like the Miami Chapter of AARP that provide the additional hands to better serve our students.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY
DR. DOROTHY BENDROSS-MINDINGALL:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 16-100 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, AARP NW MIAMI CHAPTER 4686.

**RESOLUTION NO. 16-100
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
AARP NW MIAMI CHAPTER 4686**

WHEREAS, on November 15, 1991, the Northwest Miami Chapter #4686 was chartered under the leadership of Nancy S. Dawkins, wife of the late City of Miami Commissioner Miller Dawkins. She served as our very first president and is still a very active member serving as our commentary at our board and monthly meetings. Another founding member who is still very active with us is Martha Day. Ms. Day was the very first treasurer and she still attends our monthly meetings, as well. In the 24 years this chapter has been in existence, we have had ten presidents; and

WHEREAS, for more than 24 years, the Northwest Miami Chapter #4686 of AARP has been serving our members and community by creating positive social change. It is the organization's mission to enhance the quality of life for all as we age, leading positive social change and delivering value to all people 50+ and to society through advocacy, service and information; and

WHEREAS, through advocacy, the organization currently participates in the "Take a Stand" Campaign for Social Security, which benefits children. The organization also opposes the increase in FPL rates by signing petitions and attends the hearings that will affect so many of us in 2017-2019; and

WHEREAS, the Chapter collaborated with the Buena Vista Homeowners Association and the Charles Hadley Park Homeowners Association to conduct monthly informative Meet and Greet the Candidates Political forum at Hadley Park; and

WHEREAS, through community service, the Chapter volunteers and collaborates with other organizations throughout our community, including, No More Broken Hearts Domestic Violence Event Awareness Event, Senior Mobility Fair at Arcola Lakes Senior Center, Fearless Caregiver Conference in Coral Gables, Community Conversations on Aging in Miami-Dade County, Safe Summer Peace, Walk/Run Job & Resource Fair at Miami Northwestern Senior High School, Community Health & Resource Fair at Gibson Park, Public Service Hearing at Florida Memorial University, and Opening of Take a Stand Campaign Office in Davie, Florida; and

WHEREAS, they also provide programming for their members that focus on health, education and wellness. In addition, they host a driver's safety class. It is organizations like the Miami Chapter of AARP that provide the additional hands to better serve our students.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 16-100 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing AARP NW Miami Chapter 4686.

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

Presented this fifth day of October, A.D. 2016

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary