

Dr. Lawrence S. Feldman, Vice Chair

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 11-043 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING OPERATION SMILE AND THE HIALEAH SENIOR HIGH KEY CLUB

COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

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

More than 200,000 children are born each year with severe cleft lips or palates. Often they are unable to eat, speak, socialize or smile. In some countries, these children are shunned or rejected. In many cases, their parents cannot afford the surgeries they need to live a normal life.

Since 1982, Operation Smile has been providing free surgeries to children in over 60 countries around the world with the help of dedicated medical volunteers. Through the generosity and spirit of volunteerism shown by their supporters, thousands of children are healed every year, and today, more than 160,000 children have a new chance at a better future.

The students of Hialeah Senior High School's Key Club hosted a benefit show for Operation Smile, and recently presented the organization with a check for \$5,500. Key Club is an international student-led organization, which affords its members the opportunities to provide service, build character, and develop leadership.

The students of Hialeah Senior High School's Key Club have lived up to their motto, which is "Caring – Our Way of Life." The club also has collected more than 50 Smile Bags to send to Peru this summer, donated over 200 toys to the Superintendent's Angel Tree project, donated over 50 toys to Flamingo Elementary for the holidays, donated \$1,600 to the Kiwanis and UNICEF Eliminate Project, painted 14 Hialeah Senior High School classrooms using club funds and a Florida Key Club grant, and have participated in various walk-a-thons to raise funds for research.

Led by their president, Geily Gonzalez, the club members include officers: Vice President Rene Villarreal, Secretary Crysta Diaz, Treasurer Christine Diaz, Editor Daisy Viera, and members: Hansel Puentes, Natalie Antunez, Annabelle Gonzalez, Jannette Nunez, Amanda Rodriguez, Felix Amador, Christopher Tabares, Daisy Viera, Rebeca Obrador and Aurora Viera. Miami-Dade County Public Schools commends these students for striving to render unselfish service to help build better communities.

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

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 11-043 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Operation Smile and the Hialeah Senior High Key Club.

**RESOLUTION NO. 11-043
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
RECOGNIZING OPERATION SMILE AND THE HIALEAH SENIOR HIGH KEY CLUB**

WHEREAS, more than 200,000 children are born each year with severe cleft lips or palates, often making them unable to eat, speak, socialize or smile. In some countries, these children are shunned or rejected; and

WHEREAS, since 1982, Operation Smile has been providing free surgeries to thousands of children in over 60 countries around the world with the help of dedicated medical volunteers and through the generosity and spirit of volunteerism shown by their supporters; and

WHEREAS, Operation Smile has healed more than 160,000 children, who now have a new chance at a better future; and

WHEREAS, the students of the Hialeah Senior High School Key Club, an international, student-led, service organization, hosted a benefit show for Operation Smile and presented the organization with a check for \$5,500; and

WHEREAS, the Hialeah Senior High School Key Club members have lived up to their motto of "Caring – Our Way of Life," by collecting 50 Smile Bags to send to Peru, donating over 200 toys to the Superintendent's Angel Tree project and over 50 toys to Flamingo Elementary for the holidays, as well as \$1,600 to the Kiwanis and UNICEF, and by raising funds for research at various walk-a-thons; and

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County Public Schools commends the members of the Hialeah Senior High School Key Club for their leadership and for striving to render unselfish service to help build better communities;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 11-043 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Operation Smile and the Hialeah Senior High Key Club.

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

Presented this thirteenth day of April, A.D. 2011

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary