

Dr. Dorothy Bendross-Mindingall, Board Member

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 12-051 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING THE BLACK ARCHIVES, HISTORY AND RESEARCH FOUNDATION OF SOUTH FLORIDA, INC. FOR ITS POSITIVE IMPACT ON OUR COMMUNITY

COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

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

Incorporated in 1977, The Black Archives, History and Research Foundation of South Florida, Inc. is a non-profit organization funded solely by membership, donations, and grants that serves as a manuscript and photographic repository to preserve the history and culture of black South Florida from 1896 to the present. The organization operates the historic Lyric Theater, providing an opportunity for the expression of music, theater, dance, film, and spoken word in the Overtown community and the Overtown Historic Folklife Village, a regional tourist entertainment district showcasing Overtown's legacy.

The Black Archives, History and Research Foundation of South Florida, Inc. specializes in source material donated by individuals, families, and organizations including photographs, documents, and any other materials that highlight black culture in South Florida. The Black Archives activities include a Speaker's Bureau, tours of historic black communities, children's programs, and special events. In addition, the organization identifies historic sites for nomination for local, state and national designation which will soon become The Black Heritage Trail, a trail of sites historically and culturally significant to the black experience in South Florida. The Black Archives also works with many local agencies to provide information on the black experience in South Florida.

The Black Archives was founded by Dr. Dorothy Jenkins Fields, who originally intended the collection to be utilized by students in the community. Today, The Black Archives is used by students, teachers, researchers, scholars, the media, and the public-at-large. Miami-Dade County Public Schools commends The Black Archives, History and Research Foundation of South Florida, Inc. for its commitment to the preservation of black history and its contributions to our community.

ACTION PROPOSED BY
DR. DOROTHY BENDROSS-MINDINGALL: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 12-051, of the School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing The Black Archives, History and Research Foundation of South Florida, Inc. for its positive impact on our community.

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OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
THE BLACK ARCHIVES, HISTORY AND RESEARCH FOUNDATION OF SOUTH
FLORIDA, INC. FOR ITS POSITIVE IMPACT ON OUR COMMUNITY**

WHEREAS, The Black Archives, History and Research Foundation of South Florida, Inc. is a non-profit organization funded solely by membership, donations, and grants that serves as a manuscript and photographic repository to preserve the history and culture of black South Florida from 1896 to the present; and

WHEREAS, The Black Archives was founded by Dr. Dorothy Jenkins Fields, who originally intended the collection to be utilized by students in the community. Today, The Black Archives is used by students, teachers, researchers, scholars, the media, and the public-at-large; and

WHEREAS, The Black Archives, History and Research Foundation of South Florida, Inc. specializes in source material donated by individuals, families, and organizations including photographs, documents, and any other materials that highlight black culture in South Florida; and

WHEREAS, The organization operates the historic Lyric Theater, providing an opportunity for the expression of music, theater, dance, film, and spoken word in the Overtown community and the Overtown Historic Folklife Village, a regional tourist entertainment district showcasing Overtown's legacy; and

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County Public Schools commends The Black Archives, History and Research Foundation of South Florida, Inc. for its commitment to the preservation of black history and its contributions to our community;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 12-051 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing The Black Archives, History and Research Foundation of South Florida, Inc. for its positive impact on our community.

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

Presented this seventh day of March A.D. 2012

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary