

Dr. Dorothy Bendross-Mindingall, Board Member

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 12-090 OF THE
SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
RECOGNIZING JHONSON NAPOLEON OF AZURE COLLEGE

COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

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

Jhonson Napoleon is an entrepreneur at heart. In 2001, Mr. Napoleon earned his bachelor's degree in Information Technology from Barry University. He went on to complete his master's degree in the same major, and currently is in the process of completing a Ph.D. in Education Technology at Penn State University.

In 2004, Mr. Napoleon went into the real estate business and started Napoleon Real Estate Group, LLC. Two years later, this father of three and his wife Betsy, a medical doctor, purchased Hosanna Educational Health Center, which they continued to run as the Florida Educational Institute.

In June 2011, the nursing school's name was changed to Azure College to reflect the fact that what was once a small career institution is now a growing college reaching students all over the country and the world. Today, Azure College is the first Haitian-owned and accredited college in the United States. It is one of the fastest-growing institutions of higher learning in Florida. Under Mr. Napoleon's leadership, Azure College is committed to inspiring, preparing and empowering students for meaningful work in the medical field.

Also in 2011, Mr. Napoleon founded Azure Media, LLC, which owns three AM radio stations, and was awarded a license last month by the FCC to become the first Haitian-American company to legally own and operate a radio station on the FM dial. Additionally, Mr. Napoleon is an experienced speaker on the world's stage, having travelled throughout North America, Europe, Asia and the Far East to participate in conferences about the medical field, the media, and the future of Haiti.

Most recently Jhonson Napoleon has donated \$8,000 to Miami Edison Senior High School that allowed a group of students to travel to Cape Canaveral, FL to visit the Kennedy Space Center.

Miami-Dade County Public Schools commends Mr. Jhonson Napoleon, founder and president of Azure College and Azure Media, for the tremendous educational opportunities and services that his companies are providing the residents of South Florida.

ACTION PROPOSED BY

DR. DOROTHY BENDROSS-MINDINGALL:

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 12-090 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Jhonson Napoleon of Azure College.

**Replacement
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**RESOLUTION NO. 12-090
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WHEREAS, Jhonson Napoleon is an entrepreneur at heart. In 2001, Mr. Napoleon earned his bachelor's degree in Information Technology from Barry University. He went on to complete his master's degree in the same major, and currently is in the process of completing a Ph.D. in Education Technology at Penn State University; and

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WHEREAS, in June 2011, the nursing school's name was changed to Azure College to reflect the fact that what was once a small career institution is now a growing college reaching students all over the country and the world. Today, Azure College is the first Haitian-owned and accredited college in the United States. It is one of the fastest-growing institutions of higher learning in Florida.; and

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WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County Public Schools commends Mr. Jhonson Napoleon, founder and president of Azure College and Azure Media, for the tremendous educational opportunities and services that his companies are providing the residents of South Florida;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 12-090 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Jhonson Napoleon of Azure College.

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

Presented this sixteenth day of May, A.D. 2012

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary