

Dr. Dorothy Bendross-Mindingall, Board Member

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 14-020 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING COMMISSIONER KEON HARDEMON

COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

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

Commissioner Keon Hardemon is a community activist who is committed to equality and liberty. A proud product of Miami-Dade County Public Schools, he attended Charles R. Drew Elementary and Middle schools before graduating from Miami Northwestern Senior High School. A believer in the value of an education, he attended Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University (FAMU) where he was active on campus as a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. and a Student Body Senator. As Senate President, he managed a multi-billion dollar budget. He was often consulted by the university president to make important decisions such as selecting a bank and the athletic director. He earned his bachelor's degree in business management and his master's degree in business administration from FAMU.

After graduation, he returned to Miami-Dade County and worked for Pfizer where he instructed physicians on providing pharmacological treatment for various ailments. He also organized health fairs in the community. He eventually left Pfizer to earn a law degree from the University of Miami. He served as the Symposia Editor for the University of Miami's Black Law Review and was a two-term Parliamentarian for the Student Bar Association. He earned the Dean's Honor Scholarship and the Dean's Public Interest Scholarship.

He graduated and passed the bar on his first attempt and most recently worked as an Assistant Public Defender at the Law Offices of the Public Defender Carlos Martinez. He represented hundreds of clients including indigent adults accused of misdemeanor crimes. He was then promoted to represent children accused of misdemeanor and felony crimes. On November 5, 2013 Mr. Hardemon was elected to serve as Commissioner for District 5 of the City of Miami making him the youngest commissioner to ever be elected on the City of Miami Commission.

Commissioner Keon Hardemon is to be commended for his commitment to the youth of Miami-Dade County. His tireless work as a mentor and advocate of children has enriched the lives of those he has touched.

ACTION PROPOSED BY

DR. DOROTHY BENDROSS-MINDINGALL: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 14-020 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Commissioner Keon Hardemon.

**RESOLUTION NO. 14-020
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
RECOGNIZING COMMISSIONER KEON HARDEMON**

WHEREAS, Keon Hardemon is a community activist who is committed to equality and liberty. A proud product of Miami-Dade County Public Schools, he attended Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University (FAMU) where he was active on campus as a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. and a Student Body Senator. He earned his bachelor's degree in business management and his master's degree in business administration from FAMU; and

WHEREAS, after graduation, he returned to Miami-Dade County and worked for Pfizer where he instructed physicians on providing pharmacological treatment for various ailments. He also organized health fairs in the community; and

WHEREAS, he eventually left Pfizer to earn a law degree at the University of Miami. He served as the Symposia Editor for the University of Miami Black Law Review and was a two-term Parliamentarian for the Student Bar Association. He earned the Dean's Honor Scholarship and the Dean's Public Interest Scholarship; and

WHEREAS, he graduated and passed the bar on his first attempt and most recently worked as an Assistant Public Defender at the Law Offices of the Public Defender Carlos Martinez. He represented hundreds of clients including indigent adults accused of misdemeanor crimes. He was then promoted to represent children accused of misdemeanor and felony crimes. On November 5, 2013 Mr. Hardemon was elected to serve as Commissioner for District 5 of the City of Miami making him the youngest commissioner to ever be elected on the City of Miami Commission; and

WHEREAS, Keon Hardemon is to be commended for his commitment to the youth of Miami-Dade County. His tireless work as a mentor and advocate of children has enriched the lives of those he has touched;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 14-020 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Commissioner Keon Hardemon.

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

Presented this twelfth day of February, A.D. 2014

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary