

Mr. Carlos L. Curbelo, Board Member

Co-Sponsor: Ms. Susie Castillo, Board Member

**SUBJECT:                   REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 14-034  
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY,  
FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING THE VENEZUELAN STUDENT  
MOVEMENT**

**COMMITTEE:           INNOVATION,       EFFICIENCY       &       GOVERNMENTAL  
RELATIONS**

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

February 12<sup>th</sup> is known as *National Youth Day* in the country of Venezuela. This year on February 12<sup>th</sup>, Venezuelan students began peacefully protesting against the government and the country's president, Nicolás Maduro. The government responded with repression and gross violations, and there have been at least 15 fatalities, with many others wounded or arrested.

The Student Movement is comprised of student leaders from public and private universities across Venezuela who are not driven by the hate of one leader or administration but, rather, by the desire for democracy and basic civil rights. The Student Movement has transformed the country and activated pro-democracy support for Venezuela around the world.

The Movement's leaders and participants have been subject to political persecution and aggression from the Venezuelan government. Liberty has become the rallying battle cry for hundreds of thousands of students incensed by the policies of the Venezuelan government. The students have suffered economic depression, food shortages, and have been attacked, beaten and imprisoned for protesting in favor of Venezuelan democracy.

The Venezuelan Student Movement is remaining strong and continuing to spearhead peaceful acts in defense of democracy and for the vindication of civil and human rights for everyone in Venezuela.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY**

**MR. CARLOS L. CURBELO:**   That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 14-034 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing the Venezuelan Student Movement.

**RESOLUTION NO. 14-034  
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,  
RECOGNIZING THE VENEZUELAN STUDENT MOVEMENT**

**WHEREAS**, in the country of Venezuela, February 12<sup>th</sup> is known as *National Youth Day*; and

**WHEREAS**, this year on February 12<sup>th</sup>, Venezuelan students began peacefully protesting against the government and the country's president, Nicolás Maduro. The government responded with repression and gross violations, and there have been at least 15 fatalities, with many others wounded or arrested; and

**WHEREAS**, the Student Movement is comprised of student leaders from public and private universities across Venezuela who are not driven by the hate of one leader or administration but, rather, by the desire for democracy and basic civil rights; and

**WHEREAS**, the Student Movement has transformed the country and activated pro-democracy support for Venezuela around the world; and

**WHEREAS**, the Movement's leaders and participants have been subject to political persecution and aggression from the Venezuelan government. Liberty has become the rallying battle cry for hundreds of thousands of students incensed by the policies of the Venezuelan government; and

**WHEREAS**, the students have suffered economic depression, food shortages, and have been attacked, beaten and imprisoned for protesting in favor of Venezuelan democracy; and

**WHEREAS**, The School Board commends the Venezuelan Student Movement for remaining strong and continuing to spearhead peaceful acts in defense of democracy and for the vindication of civil and human rights for everyone in Venezuela;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 14-034 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing the Venezuelan Student Movement.

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

**Presented this twelfth day of March, A.D. 2013**

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

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CHAIR

ATTEST:

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Secretary