

Dr. Lawrence S. Feldman, Vice Chair

**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 15-007 OF THE
SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
RECOGNIZING RON MAGILL AND THE ECO HERO CONTEST**

**COMMITTEE: PERSONNEL SERVICES AND STUDENT AND SCHOOL
SUPPORT**

**LINK TO STRATEGIC
FRAMEWORK: SCHOOL/DISTRICT LEADERSHIP**

Ron Magill is an American wildlife expert, naturalist, award-winning photographer, curator, documentary producer, conservationist, and a local resident of Miami. He is also the communications director for the Miami-Dade Zoological Park and Gardens with 30 years of hands-on experience with wildlife from around the world, both in captivity and in the wild, who has been a frequent guest at different local and national programs promoting wildlife preservation and protection of the environment.

In his role as communications director, Ron Magill has been a regular guest on television shows such as Good Morning America, Sábado Gigante, Despierta América, Late Show with David Letterman, and The Today Show. Also, Magill has a regular segment on the ESPN Radio's The Dan Le Batard Show where listeners can call in and ask him questions regarding wildlife and the environment. He has produced and been an active participant in several documentaries for the Discovery Channel and the History Channel.

Magill believes in the importance of conservation through photography helping to inspire others to work on behalf of wildlife and the preservation of the environment and to demonstrate care for our natural world. An avid photographer, his images have appeared in public galleries around the world including the Smithsonian.

For the past ten years, Magill has been holding an essay contest along with WPLG Channel 10 called Zoo Miami's and WPLG Local 10's "Eco-Heroes" as a way to engage students in learning and doing outstanding work on behalf of the environment. Past winners of the contest have benefited from contest-sponsored trips to far-away places like South Africa, Alaska, The Galapagos Islands, and Panama, helping them gain an exceptional appreciation for wildlife. Magill is an active participant in our District's Zoo Magnets Program.

The School Board recognizes Ron Magill for dedicating his outstanding talent and skill to the preservation of our wildlife and conservation of our environment, inspiring our youth to follow and pursue his example.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY
MS. RAQUEL REGALADO:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 15-007 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Ron Magill and the Eco Hero contest.

**RESOLUTION NO. 15-007
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
RECOGNIZING RON MAGILL AND THE ECO HERO CONTEST**

WHEREAS, Ron Magill is an American wildlife expert, naturalist, award-winning photographer, curator, documentary producer, conservationist, and a local resident of Miami:

WHEREAS, Magill is also the communications director for the Miami-Dade Zoological Park and Gardens with 30 years of hands-on experience with wildlife from around the world, both in captivity and in the wild, who has been a frequent guest at different local and national programs promoting wildlife preservation and protection of the environment; and

WHEREAS, in his role as communications director, Ron Magill has been a regular guest on television shows such as Good Morning America, Sábado Gigante, Despierta América, Late Show with David Letterman, and The Today Show. Also, Magill has a regular segment on the ESPN Radio's The Dan Le Batard Show where listeners can call in and ask him questions regarding wildlife and the environment. He has produced and been an active participant in several documentaries for the Discovery Channel and the History Channel; and

WHEREAS, Magill believes in the importance of conservation through photography helping to inspire others to work on behalf of wildlife and the preservation of the environment and to demonstrate care for our natural world. An avid photographer, his images have appeared in public galleries around the world including the Smithsonian; and

WHEREAS, for the past ten years, Magill has been holding an essay contest along with WPLG Channel 10 called Zoo Miami's and WPLG Local 10's "Eco-Heroes" as a way to engage students in learning and doing outstanding work on behalf of the environment. Past winners of the contest have benefited from contest-sponsored trips to far-away places like South Africa, Alaska, The Galapagos Islands, and Panama helping them gain an exceptional appreciation for wildlife. Magill is an active participant of our District's Zoo Magnets Program; and

WHEREAS, Ron Magill has dedicated his outstanding talent and skill to the preservation of our wildlife and conservation of our environment, inspiring our youth to follow his example, making him deserving of the recognition bestowed upon by this resolution;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 15-007 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Ron Magill and the Eco Hero Contest.

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

Presented this eleventh day of February, A.D. 2015

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary