

Ms. Raquel Regalado, Board Member

**SUBJECT:                   REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 16-036  
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY,  
FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING THE MIAMI CHAPTER, BLACK  
NURSES ASSOCIATION**

**COMMITTEE:               ACADEMICS, EVALUATION AND TECHNOLOGY**

**LINK TO STRATEGIC  
BLUEPRINT:               SAFE, HEALTHY       AND       SUPPORTIVE       LEARNING  
ENVIRONMENT**

Nursing is the largest healthcare profession in America, represented by over 3.1 million nurses according to the U.S. Department of Labor 2015 statistics. Nurses are on the frontlines in identifying diseases and illnesses and providing healthcare services to our communities. They are a force behind change and they play a pivotal role in coordinating healthcare teams and community events that bring awareness to rising healthcare issues and costs that can adversely affect our communities' well being.

The kickoff of the National Black Nurses Association's initiative, "A Call to Action on Reduction in Violence," scheduled for April 30, 2016, is expected to include all 94 chapters. Dr. Linda W. Brown, president of the Miami Chapter of the Black Nurses Association, links the gun violence occurring in communities today to a new healthcare challenge. According to Dr. Stephen W. Hargarten, professor and chair of Emergency Medicine at the Medical College of Wisconsin, "mass shootings need to be scrutinized as a public health emergency so that policy makers can better focus on controlling the epidemic of violence."

The Miami Chapter of the Black Nurses Association is urging nurses to let their voices be heard by taking leadership roles in political talking circles, providing caring support to victims and families of gun violence and, most importantly, assisting these victims to embrace healthy grieving behaviors and mental health services when needed.

The School Board commends the Miami Chapter of the Black Nurses Association for their commitment and dedication to the health and welfare of the community.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY**

**MS. RAQUEL REGALADO:** That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 16-036 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing the Miami Chapter, Black Nurses Association.

**Replacement  
B-12**

**RESOLUTION NO. 16-036  
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,  
RECOGNIZING THE MIAMI CHAPTER, BLACK NURSES ASSOCIATION**

**WHEREAS**, nursing is the largest healthcare profession in America, represented by over 3.1 million nurses according to the U.S. Department of Labor 2015 statistics. Nurses are on the frontlines in identifying diseases and illnesses and providing healthcare services to our communities; and

**WHEREAS**, they are a force behind change and they play a pivotal role in coordinating healthcare teams and community events that bring awareness to rising healthcare issues and costs that can adversely affect our communities' well being; and

**WHEREAS**, the kickoff of the National Black Nurses Association's initiative, "A Call to Action on Reduction in Violence," scheduled for April 30, 2016, is expected to include all 94 chapters. Dr. Linda W. Brown, president of the Miami Chapter of the Black Nurses Association, links the gun violence occurring in communities today to a new healthcare challenge; and

**WHEREAS**, according to Stephen W. Hargarten, an emergency physician, gun violence researcher, and professor at the Medical College of Wisconsin, "mass shootings need to be scrutinized as a public health emergency so that policy makers can better focus on controlling the epidemic of violence."; and

**WHEREAS**, the Miami Chapter of the Black Nurses Association is urging nurses to let their voices be heard by taking leadership roles in political talking circles, providing caring support to victims and families of gun violence and, most importantly, assisting these victims to embrace healthy grieving behaviors and mental health services when needed; and

**WHEREAS**, the School Board commends the Miami Chapter of the Black Nurses Association for their commitment and dedication to the health and welfare of the community;

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

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 16-036 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing the Miami Chapter, Black Nurses Association.

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

Presented this thirteenth day of April, A.D. 2016

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

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CHAIR

ATTEST:

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Secretary