

Ms. Susie V. Castillo, Board Member

Co-Sponsors: Dr. Dorothy Bendross-Mindingall, Board Member
 Ms. Maria Teresa Rojas, Board Member } Added

**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 17-102 OF
 THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
 RECOGNIZING JUAN BORGES**

**COMMITTEE: INNOVATION, GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS, AND
 COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

**LINK TO STRATEGIC
BLUEPRINT: INFORMED, ENGAGED AND EMPOWERED STAKEHOLDERS**

Born in Havana, Cuba, Juan Borges arrived at age 16 in the United States as part of the Peter Pan Refugee Program. Accompanied only by his younger brother without any family members in Florida, the teen brothers were assigned to the Child Welfare System and later to the Catholic Welfare System where they lived with 30 other boys. Mr. Borges arrived in Florida with hopes of working for a pharmaceutical company.

Mr. Borges graduated from La Salle High School in 1969 and from Miami-Dade College in 1971. He earned his bachelor's degree in psychology from Florida Atlantic University in 1973.

After graduation, Mr. Borges joined Baxter Travenol Laboratories where he began as a Medical Sales Representative for the South Florida region. He was promoted to International Marketing Specialist for Latin America and then to President of Baxter Travenol Laboratories in Venezuela. Finally, he was promoted to General Manager of their Export Corporation, putting him in charge of the company's export program in its entirety.

He founded Biomedical International Corporation in 1982, providing medical supplies throughout the United States, Latin America and the Caribbean. What first began as a one man operation, now has over 30 employees and has been included in the Top 100 Hispanic Companies in Miami-Dade County and Hispanic Business Magazine's Top 500 Largest Hispanic Owned Corporations in the Nation as well as one of the Top 100 Fastest Growing Hispanic Companies.

Biomedical International Corporation is a proud Dade Partner of Miami-Dade County Public Schools, giving back to our schools and to our community on a multitude of occasions. Mr. Borges is to be commended for his incredible success and for his contributions to Miami-Dade County Public Schools.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY
MS. SUSIE V. CASTILLO:** That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida,
 approve Resolution No. 17-102 of The School Board of
 Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Juan Borges.

**RESOLUTION NO. 17-102
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
RECOGNIZING JUAN BORGES**

WHEREAS, Juan Borges arrived in the United States from Cuba as a minor accompanied by his younger brother Osvaldo as part of the Peter Pan Refugee Program; and

WHEREAS, after graduating from La Salle High School, Miami-Dade College and Florida Atlantic University with hopes of working for a pharmaceutical company, Mr. Borges began his career as a Medical Sales Representative for the South Florida region with Baxter Travenol Laboratories; and

WHEREAS, in 1982, Mr. Juan Borges founded Biomedical International Corporation, one of the Top 100 Hispanic Companies in Miami-Dade County, and one of Hispanic Business Magazine's Top 500 Largest Hispanic Owned Corporations, as well as, the Top 100 Fastest Growing Hispanic Companies in the nation; and

WHEREAS, as a proud Dade Partner of Miami-Dade County Public Schools, Biomedical International Corporation has consistently given back to our schools and our community; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Borges is to be recognized and commended for his tremendous successes and for his contributions to Miami-Dade County Public Schools.

Added

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 17-102 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Juan Borges.

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

Presented this eleventh day of October, A.D. 2017

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary