

Ms. Maria Teresa Rojas, Board Member

SUBJECT: REQUEST APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 17-101 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING THE UNSELFISH DEDICATION AND COMMITMENT OF THE FIRST RESPONDERS DURING HURRICANE IRMA

COMMITTEE: INNOVATION, GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS, AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

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

As Miami-Dade County continues to deal with the aftermath of Hurricane Irma, it is definitely appropriate for The School Board of Miami-Dade County to recognize the men and women first responders for their unselfish dedication and commitment to the citizens of our wonderful community.

First responders are really too many to mention. They are police officers, firefighters, paramedics, search dogs, medical personnel, the Florida National Guard, among others. Having weathered Harvey and Irma, many of Miami first responders are now in Puerto Rico for Hurricane Maria. The teams bring search and rescue as well as emergency medical capabilities to the affected areas.

Before and after the hurricane, first responders were all about readiness, about supporting people and helping people, about rescuer safety, about medical assistance, and doing the greatest good for the greatest number of people. It was and continues to be about a positive and realistic approach to emergency and disaster situations by:

- Conducting physical search and rescue operations in damaged and/or collapsed structures, flooded areas, and transportation accident scenes.
- Providing emergency medical care at affected sites for trapped victims and task force members.
- Carrying out reconnaissance duties to assess damage and determine needs, then use that information to provide feedback to all agencies involved.
- Providing disaster communications support using state-of-the-art satellite systems.
- Conducting surveys and evaluations of affected areas.
- Assisting and stabilizing damaged structures, as appropriate.
- Ensuring the safety of all citizens in the affected areas and in the entire community.

First responders are about the best our community has to offer. Men and women who work tirelessly for the safety and security of our community during a natural disaster. They are family members, our neighbors, our friends. Miami-Dade County Public Schools is grateful for their generosity and their incredible work during and after Hurricane Irma.

This item has been reviewed and approved by the School Board Attorney's office as to form and legal sufficiency.

ACTION PROPOSED BY

MS. MARIA TERESA ROJAS:

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 17-101 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing the unselfish dedication and commitment of the first responders during Hurricane Irma.

**RESOLUTION NO. 17-101
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
RECOGNIZING THE UNSELFISH DEDICATION AND COMMITMENT OF THE
FIRST RESPONDERS DURING HURRICANE IRMA**

WHEREAS, as Miami-Dade County continues to deal with the aftermath of Hurricane Irma, The School Board of Miami-Dade County recognizes the men and women first responders for their unselfish dedication and commitment to the citizens of our wonderful community; and

WHEREAS, first responders are police officers, firefighters, paramedics, search dogs, medical personnel, the Florida National Guard, among many others; and

WHEREAS, before and after the hurricane, first responders were all about readiness, about supporting people helping people, about rescuer safety, about medical assistance, and doing the greatest good for the greatest number of people; and

WHEREAS, first responders are about a positive and realistic approach to emergency and disaster situations by:

- Conducting physical search and rescue operations in damaged and/or collapsed structures, flooded areas, and transportation accident scenes.
- Providing emergency medical care at affected sites for trapped victims.
- Carrying out reconnaissance duties to assess damage and determine needs, then use that information to provide feedback to all agencies involved.
- Providing disaster communications support using state-of-the-art satellite systems.
- Conducting surveys and evaluations of affected areas.
- Assisting and stabilizing damaged structures, as appropriate.
- Ensuring the safety and security of all citizens in the in the entire community; and

WHEREAS, first responders work tirelessly for all citizens during a natural disaster. They are family members, neighbors, and friends. Miami-Dade County Public Schools is grateful for their generosity and their incredible work during and after Hurricane Irma.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 17-101 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing the unselfish dedication and commitment of the first responders during Hurricane Irma.

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