

Ms. Lubby Navarro, Board Member

SUBJECT: REQUEST APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 17-036 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING DR. LILLIAN RIVERA

COMMITTEE: INNOVATION, GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

LINK TO STRATEGIC BLUEPRINT: INFORMED, ENGAGED AND EMPOWERED STAKEHOLDERS

Dr. Lillian Rivera has dedicated over three decades to public health to benefit the residents of Miami-Dade County and has garnered an exceptional reputation. Dr. Rivera is the first female, first Hispanic and first nurse to lead a county health department in the State of Florida. She is the Administrator and Health Officer for the Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County and holds the responsibility of the execution and supervision of public health programs. Under her leadership, the Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County is the only three time recipient of the Governor's Sterling Award for significant improvement and performance excellence.

Dr. Rivera's career is highlighted by numerous accolades and recognitions. She earned the National Conference of Puerto Rican Women's 2011 Outstanding Professional Performance and Community Service Award, the Nicklaus Children's Hospital's 2010 Champion for Children Award, and the 2013 Health Council of South Florida's Award for Exceptional Community Service, among others. More recently, she accepted the 2016 In the Company of Women Award, the 2016 Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce's Healthcare Hero Award in the Healthcare Professional category, and she was named one of the most influential Latinos in Miami.

Dr. Rivera's commitment to public health can be seen in Miami-Dade County Public Schools through various initiatives. "Seals on Wheels" mobile van program provides preventive dental services to 14 elementary schools in Miami-Dade County by administering dental exams, cleanings, oral hygiene instruction, fluoride varnishes and dental sealants to students in kindergarten through the third grade.

Additionally, Dr. Rivera assisted in providing 186 bicycle racks, fitness zones, healthy alternatives in vending machines, and safe routes to various school parks located across Miami-Dade County. She also worked on evidence-based curriculum aimed at Sports, Play and Active Recreation for Kids (SPARK), which targets the implementation of programs based on promoting lifelong wellness to students in grades K-12.

Dr. Lillian Rivera's dedication to public health is a hallmark of her service and she is to be commended for over three decades of unwavering commitment to Miami-Dade County.

ACTION PROPOSED BY LUBBY NAVARRO:

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 17-036 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Dr. Lillian Rivera.

**RESOLUTION NO. 17-036
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
RECOGNIZING DR. LILLIAN RIVERA**

WHEREAS, Dr. Lillian Rivera has dedicated over three decades to public health to benefit the residents of Miami-Dade County and has garnered an exceptional reputation. Dr. Rivera is the first female, first Hispanic and first nurse to lead a county health department in the State of Florida. She is the Administrator and Health Officer for the Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County and holds the responsibility of the execution and supervision of public health programs. Under her leadership, the Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County is the only three time recipient of the Governor's Sterling Award for significant improvement and performance excellence; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Rivera's career is highlighted by numerous accolades and recognitions. She earned the National Conference of Puerto Rican Women's 2011 Outstanding Professional Performance and Community Service Award, the Nicklaus Children's Hospital's 2010 Champion for Children Award, and the 2013 Health Council of South Florida's Award for Exceptional Community Service, among others. More recently, she accepted the 2016 In the Company of Women Award, the 2016 Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce's Healthcare Hero Award in the Healthcare Professional category, and she was named one of the most influential Latinos in Miami; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Rivera's commitment to public health can be seen in Miami-Dade County Public Schools through various initiatives. "Seals on Wheels" mobile van program provides preventive dental services to 14 elementary schools in South Miami-Dade by administering dental exams, cleanings, oral hygiene instruction, fluoride varnishes and dental sealants to students in kindergarten through the third grade; and

WHEREAS, additionally, Dr. Rivera assisted in providing 186 bicycle racks, fitness zones, healthy alternatives in vending machines, and safe routes to various school parks located across Miami-Dade County. She also worked on evidence-based curriculum aimed at Sports, Play and Active Recreation for Kids (SPARK), which targets the implementation of programs based on promoting lifelong wellness to students in grades K-12; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Lillian Rivera's dedication to public health is a hallmark of her service and she is to be commended for over three decades of unwavering commitment to Miami-Dade County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No 17-036 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Dr. Lillian Rivera.

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

Presented this fifteenth day of March, A.D. 2017

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary