

Dr. Dorothy Bendross-Mindingall, Board Member

SUBJECT: REQUEST APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 21-012 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING MS. KATIA SAINT FLEUR AS THE FIRST HAITIAN AMERICAN COUNCILWOMAN OF MIAMI SHORES, FLORIDA

COMMITTEE: PERSONNEL, STUDENT, SCHOOL & COMMUNITY SUPPORT

LINK TO STRATEGIC BLUEPRINT: HIGHLY EFFECTIVE TEACHERS, LEADERS AND STAFF

Katia Saint Fleur is a proud product of Miami-Dade County Public Schools and is a graduate of Clark Atlanta University and carries the school motto with her in everything that she does: **“Find a way or make a way.”**

Ms. Saint Fleur has over a decade of experience in Florida government and politics. She is a journalist by trade and first came into the political arena as a media and community outreach campaign consultant. Since then, she has worked in almost every capacity from Communications Director, and Political Director to Campaign Manager. She truly believes that our political system is starving for diversity.

Ms. Saint Fleur worked as a legislative aide, for Florida State Senate Democratic Leader Senator Oscar Braynon, II for six years and has also worked with the Department of Commerce building community partnerships for the U.S. Census Bureau in the Southeast Region of the United States. Ms. Saint Fleur is currently the Principal at KSF & Associates, a governmental and community relations firm. She has a decade of experience bringing together local governments, non-governmental agencies, and media outlets to educate minority communities about laws, candidates, economic opportunities, educational opportunities, and health issues. KSF & Associates has become a statewide organization recognized and sought after for its innovation in building the bridge between political, private, and non-governmental organizations.

During her off hours, she works with local organizations in South Florida to assist women who have suffered from domestic violence with regaining their stability and independence. Ms. Saint Fleur also works very closely with an orphanage in her parents’ home country of Haiti. One of her many goals is to educate and encourage women and minorities to get involved politically, be it by working for an elected official, becoming an elected official, or becoming a lobbyist.

**Good Cause
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This item does not appear on the published agenda. There exists good cause to vary from the published agenda as the selection did not take place until after the agenda was published, and to timely and properly recognize and honor its recipient, Ms. Katia Saint Fleur.

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

ACTION PROPOSED BY

DR. DOROTHY BENDROSS-MINDINGALL:

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 21-012 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Ms. Katia Saint Fleur as the first Haitian American Councilwoman of Miami Shores, Florida.

**RESOLUTION NO. 21-012
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
RECOGNIZING MS. KATIA SAINT FLEUR AS THE FIRST HAITIAN AMERICAN
COUNCILWOMAN OF MIAMI SHORES, FLORIDA**

WHEREAS, Katia Saint Fleur is a proud product of Miami-Dade County Public Schools and is a graduate of Clark Atlanta University and carries the school motto with her in everything that she does: “**Find a way or make a way,**”; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Saint Fleur has over a decade of experience in Florida government and politics. She is a journalist by trade and first came into the political arena as a media and community outreach campaign consultant. Since then, she has worked in almost every capacity from Communications Director, Political Director to Campaign Manager. She truly believes that our Political system is starving for diversity; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Saint Fleur worked as a legislative aide for Florida State Senate Democratic Leader Senator Oscar Braynon, II for six years and has also worked with the Department of Commerce building community partnerships for the U.S. Census Bureau in the Southeast Region of the United States; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Saint Fleur is currently the Principal at KSF & Associates, a governmental and community relations firm. She has a decade of experience bringing together local governments, non-governmental agencies, and media outlets to educate minority communities about laws, candidates, economic opportunities, educational opportunities, and health issues. KSF & Associates has become a statewide organization recognized and sought after for its innovation in building the bridge between political, private, and non-governmental organizations; and

WHEREAS, during her off hours, she works with local organizations in South Florida to assist women who have suffered from domestic violence with regaining their stability and independence. Ms. Saint Fleur also works very closely with an orphanage in her parents’ home country of Haiti. One of her many goals is to educate and encourage women and minorities to get involved politically, be it by working for an elected official, becoming an elected official, or becoming a lobbyist.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 21-012 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Ms. Katia Saint Fleur as the first Haitian American Councilwoman of Miami Shores, Florida

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

Presented this twenty-first day of April, A.D. 2021

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary