

Dr. Steve Gallon III, Vice Chair

SUBJECT: REQUEST APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 22-002 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING THE MIAMI ALUMNI CHAPTER OF KAPPA ALPHA PSI FRATERNITY

COMMITTEE: PERSONNEL, STUDENT, SCHOOL & COMMUNITY SUPPORT

LINK TO STRATEGIC PLAN: INFORMED, ENGAGED, & EMPOWERED STAKEHOLDERS

Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity was founded on January 5, 1911 on the campus of Indiana University in Bloomington, Indiana. The Miami Alumni Chapter was chartered on November 23, 1946 to open the doors of college fraternal life for college men everywhere, regardless of color, religion, or national origin.

The Miami Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi charter members are Leo Jenkins, Oscar J. Edwards, Chester Williams, James E. Hart, Leonard Walker, Frank Jones, Louis Blake, and Leandus Blackus.

As the first male, predominantly African-American Greek-letter society founded west of the Mid-Atlantic States, still in existence with an extensive membership, Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity and its Miami Alumni Chapter remains dedicated to uniting men of culture, patriotism and honor, while encouraging honorable achievement in every field of human endeavor.

Many members of the Miami Alumni Chapter have served as principals, administrators, and teachers in the Miami-Dade County Public School system. Member Johnny Jones served as the first African-American Superintendent.

The Miami Alumni Chapter is committed to inspiring and educating the youth. As a result, the Miami Kappa League program was started by the Chapter to assist male students finding the best-fit post high school opportunity be it college, military, or workforce.

The Kappa Leadership and Development League was created to provide an avenue for young men in middle and high school to develop leadership skills as well as achieve worthy goals as to make a meaningful and positive impact in their community.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY
DR. STEVE GALLON III:**

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 22-002 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing The Miami Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity.

**RESOLUTION NO. 22-002
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA RECOGNIZING
THE MIAMI ALUMNI CHAPTER OF KAPPA ALPHA PSI FRATERNITY**

WHEREAS, Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity was founded on January 5, 1911 on the campus of Indiana University in Bloomington, Indiana. The Miami Alumni Chapter was chartered on November 23, 1946 to open the doors of college fraternal life for college men everywhere, regardless of color, religion, or national origin; and

WHEREAS, The Miami Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi charter members are Leo Jenkins, Oscar J. Edwards, Chester Williams, James E. Hart, Leonard Walker, Frank Jones, Louis Blake, and Leandus Blackus; and

WHEREAS, As the first male, predominantly African-American Greek-letter society founded west of the Mid-Atlantic States, still in existence with an extensive membership, Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity and its Miami Alumni Chapter remains dedicated to uniting men of culture, patriotism and honor, while encouraging honorable achievement in every field of human endeavor; and

WHEREAS, Many members of the Miami Alumni Chapter have served as principals, administrators, and teachers in the Miami-Dade County Public School system. Member Johnny Jones served as the first African-American Superintendent; and

WHEREAS, The Miami Alumni Chapter is committed to inspiring and educating the youth. As a result, the Miami Kappa League program was started by the Chapter to assist male students finding the best-fit post high school opportunity be it college, military, or workforce; and

WHEREAS, The Kappa Leadership and Development League was created to provide an avenue for young men in middle and high school to develop leadership skills as well as achieve worthy goals as to make a meaningful and positive impact in their community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 22-002 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing The Miami Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity.

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

Presented this twelfth day of January, A.D. 2022

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary