

Dr. Dorothy Bendross-Mindingall, Board Member

**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 22-015 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING THE WOMEN WHO LABOR IN LOVE**

**COMMITTEE: PERSONNEL, STUDENT, SCHOOL & COMMUNITY SUPPORT** }

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A Labor in Love is an initiative that started nearly two decades ago that was geared towards parents who resided primarily in the James E. Scott Projects corridor. It was a part of Miami-Dade County Public Schools as an offsite facility connected to D. A. Dorsey Technical College. Through this initiative parents were able to participate in employment opportunities, work experience, and on-the-job training.

With encouragement, support, and cooperation from all parties involved, 17 years later these women stand before you today as a testament to the “Labor in Love Initiative”. Having made a successful transition into the workforce and building on the opportunities extended through the moxie.

Today we seek to recognize Brena Wadley, Cherly Bell, Eleanor Manning Butler, Loletha Dailey, Betty Hayes, Hortense Johnson, Debra Kelly, Cecilia McKinney, Debbie McKinney, Alicia Pope, Donna Rogers, Marie Saintil, Ruth Tisdol, Paulette Walker, and Yolanda Washington for their drive, focus, and determination. We celebrate their evolution and the positive impact they have on our community. The leadership, morale, and dedication of the Women Who Labor in Love is simply amazing and today we celebrate your success and passion.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY**

**DR. DOROTHY BENDROSS-MINDINGALL:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 22-015 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing The Women Who Labor in Love.

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**RESOLUTION NO. 22-015  
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,  
RECOGNIZING WOMEN WHO LABOR IN LOVE**

**WHEREAS**, assistance benefit levels have always fluctuated tremendously personal responsibility and employment opportunities at times can also waver. Timeframes, state work requirements, and other important logistics must be taken into consideration and represent an intricate component within this framework; and

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**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 22-015 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing the Women Who Labor in Love.

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

**Presented this thirteenth day of April, A.D. 2022**

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

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CHAIR

ATTEST:

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