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SUBJECT: REQUEST APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 22-034 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING SHARING HOPE EMPOWERMENT AND REACTION PRESIDENT MR. ANTHONY EUGENE DURDEN.

COMMITTEE: ACADEMICS, INNOVATION, EVALUATION, & TECHNOLOGY

LINK TO STRATEGIC

PLAN: INFORMED, ENGAGED, & EMPOWERED STAKEHOLDERS

Minister Anthony Eugene Durden was born in Miami, Florida in 1970 to the parents Brilla & Bobby Durden. In 1976 his parents divorced, and his mother moved to Compton, California where he elected to forgo high school and found himself involved with gangs, and a variety street crimes. He spent 14 years of his life in and out of prisons and jails. At age 13 Anthony had his first experience using drugs and alcohol which developed into a 20-year addiction. Anthony ended up becoming unhoused, broke and during worst times eating food discarded by others to survive. One day while inebriated and wandering the streets of Miami, someone invited him into The Miami Rescue Mission's Regeneration Discipleship Program to get help for his drugs and alcohol addiction. Reared in Christian faith by his parents at an early age, Anthony knew this is what he needed to change his life. The Miami Rescue Mission is a well-known faith-based Christian organization located in the heart of Miami.

In 2006 Anthony graduated from the Miami Rescue Mission Regeneration Program. He graduated as a Mentor to the residents and gained respect and recognition from both the residents and staff. The following year he became the President of the Christian Men's Club Corporation and S.H.E.A.R. Inc, Sharing Hope Empowerment and Reaction, and an at large member for The Circle of Brotherhood (Blackmen Solving Their Own Community Problems) which are both non-profit organizations. He is also member of Koinonia Worship Center & Village under the leadership of Pastor Eric H. Jones Jr.

Since fully committing his life to the Lord Anthony has been a solid for Christ in the streets of Miami and a pillar in our community. He gives back faithfully to the organization that help save his life by returning to the Miami Rescue Mission monthly to teach bible study, host events and feed homeless men, women, and children. Holy Ghost N Da Hood "Saving Our Youth", Stop the Violence "Prayer Walk", Christmas in The Village to name a few are the community events he has hosted.

Today, Anthony is married to Shaunie Durden and has been clean and sober from drugs and alcohol for 18 years. He keeps a busy schedule serving in the kingdom of God and his community. He has had several stories about his life and community events featured in the Miami Times Newspaper. Most recently, Anthony has been beckoned to minister to death row inmates on Florida's Death Row. He also partners with local high schools to involve the youth in giving back to their community by organizing feeding the homeless events in Miami. His most recent partnership is with the football team of Miramar Senior High School. He keeps a busy schedule with an array of speaking engagements, radio, and television interviews. He is a renowned Motivational Speaker, a business owner of Kingdom Wear Clothing & Accessories and CEO of SHEAR Inc. non-profit organization. Anthony recognizes that his sobriety and accomplishments relates to his relationship with God and the work he does for the kingdom of God, to this he commits the rest of his life.

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

**ACTION PROPOSED BY
DR. DOROTHY BENDROSS-MINDINGALL:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 22-034 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Sharing Hope Empowerment and Reaction President Mr. Anthony Eugene Durden.

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OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING
SHARING HOPE EMPOWERMENT AND REACTION PRESIDENT MR. ANTHONY EUGENE
DURDEN.**

WHEREAS, Minister Anthony Eugene Durden was born in Miami, Florida in 1970 to the parents Brilla & Bobby Durden. In 1976 his parents divorced, and his mother moved to Compton, California where he elected to forgo high school and found himself involved with gangs, and a variety of street crimes. He spent 14 years of his life in and out of prisons and jails. At age 13 Anthony had his first experience using drugs and alcohol which developed into a 20-year addiction. Anthony ended up becoming unhoused, broke and during worst times eating food discarded by others to survive. One day while inebriated and wandering the streets of Miami, someone invited him into The Miami Rescue Mission's Regeneration Discipleship Program to get help for his drugs and alcohol addiction; and

WHEREAS, Reared in Christian faith by his parents at an early age, Anthony knew this is what he needed to change his life. The Miami Rescue Mission is a well-known faith-based Christian organization located in the heart of Miami; and

WHEREAS, in 2006 Anthony graduated from the Miami Rescue Mission Regeneration Program. He graduated as a Mentor to the residents and gained respect and recognition from both the residents and staff. The following year he became the President of the Christian Men's Club Corporation and S.H.E.A.R. Inc, Sharing Hope Empowerment and Reaction, and an at large member for The Circle of Brotherhood (Blackmen Solving Their Own Community Problems) which are both non-profit organizations. He is also member of Koinonia Worship Center & Village under the leadership of Pastor Eric H. Jones Jr.; and

WHEREAS, since fully committing his life to the Lord Anthony has been a solid for Christ in the streets of Miami and a pillar in our community. He gives back faithfully to the organization that help save his life by returning to the Miami Rescue Mission monthly to teach bible study, host events and feed homeless men, women, and children. Holy Ghost N Da Hood "Saving Our Youth", Stop the Violence "Prayer Walk", Christmas in The Village to name a few are the community events he has hosted; and

WHEREAS, today, Anthony is married to Shaunie Durden and has been clean and sober from drugs and alcohol for 18 years. He keeps a busy schedule serving in the kingdom of God and his community. He has had several stories about his life and community events featured in the Miami Times Newspaper. Most recently, Anthony has been beckoned to minister to death row inmates on Florida's Death Row. He also partners with local high schools to involve the youth in giving back to their community by organizing feeding the homeless events in Miami. His most recent partnership is with the football team of Miramar Senior High School; and

WHEREAS; he keeps a busy schedule with an array of speaking engagements, radio, and television interviews. He is a renowned Motivational Speaker, a business owner of Kingdom Wear Clothing & Accessories and CEO of SHEAR Inc. non-profit organization. Anthony recognizes that his sobriety and accomplishments relates to his relationship with God and the work he does for the kingdom of God, to this he commits the rest of his life.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 22-034 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida recognizing Sharing Hope Empowerment and Reaction President Mr. Anthony Eugene Durden.

A copy of this proclamation is placed in the permanent record of this Board.

Presented this fifteenth day of August, A.D. 2022

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

SCHOOL BOARD CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary