

Dr. Dorothy Bendross-Mindingall, Board Member

SUBJECT: REQUEST APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 23-003 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING THE FOUNDERS OF THE ARK OF THE CITY, INC. – THE ELLIOTTS

COMMITTEE: ACADEMICS, INNOVATION, EVALUATION, & TECHNOLOGY

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

The Ark of the City, Inc., a non-profit organization, was established in 2007 by businessman, philanthropist, humanitarian, and devoted family man, Mr. Terry Elliott, Sr., and his beloved wife, author, and business partner, Mrs. Sherria Elliott. The Elliotts founded The Ark of the City with the shared vision of giving back to the community, particularly underprivileged inner-city children, by promoting community service, cultural awareness, and education.

Born in South Carolina, young Terry and his family migrated to Florida for a chance at a better life. With a hard-working mother at the helm, he learned discipline, compassion, motivation, and fervor to pursue the American dream. But to whom much is given, much is required, and Mr. Elliott, Sr., made it his life's mission to better those around him, as he climbed the ladder of success. Along with his many business ventures, including a sports club, night club, record label, real estate company, and a publishing company, philanthropic endeavors are the highlight of Mr. Elliott's, Sr., professional life. Mr. Elliott, Sr., is involved in the annual Christmas on 15th Avenue Event, Farm Share, mentorship programs, and the altruistic "Wakanda Center" community hub.

The purpose of Wakanda Center is to motivate and support inner city youth to prepare for and obtain higher education, as well as being productive members of their community. Wakanda Mentorship connects youth to mentors who serve as role models for careers, family life, and community service with a focus on improving academic function, experiencing the value of work, expanding awareness and appreciation of self, other people, and the environment beyond a youth's home and neighborhood situations. As family and community play a vital role in these altruistic endeavors, serving the community is a family affair for the Elliotts. Mr. Terry Elliott, Sr., and Mrs. Sherria Elliott promote the welfare of the community and inspire others not only by words, but actions. Their children also emulate their role model by following in their parents' footsteps, as they are omnipresent in all their civic engagements.

Mrs. Sherria Elliott, a Miami native, has built an impressive empire herself, while being a dedicated mother and loving life partner of 31 years to businessman, entrepreneur, social activist Terry Elliott, Sr. Mrs. Elliott is an accomplished, esteemed author and owner of a publishing company, in addition to being the CEO of a flourishing real estate business and co-heading various philanthropic organizations alongside her husband. While ownership is vital, Mrs. Elliott emphasizes the importance in investing in our communities and providing employment to the people of the neighborhoods, while also showing and teaching them how to develop and become owners themselves. A formidable leader in her community, her belief is that it takes a village to raise a child and she leads by example.

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The leadership and community service of Mr. Terry Elliott, Sr., and Mrs. Sherria Elliott have left an indelible mark in the community. Thanks to their hard work and dedication, the Elliott name and legacy are fully cemented in the fabric of their community's history.

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

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 23-003 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing the founders of The Ark of the City, Inc. – The Elliotts

**RESOLUTION NO. 23-003 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
RECOGNIZING THE FOUNDERS OF THE ARK OF THE CITY, INC. – THE ELLIOTTS**

WHEREAS, The Ark of the City, Inc., a non-profit organization, was established in 2007 by businessman, philanthropist, humanitarian, and devoted family man, Mr. Terry Elliott, Sr., and his beloved wife, author, and business partner, Mrs. Sherria Elliott. The Elliotts founded The Ark of the City with the shared vision of giving back to the community, particularly underprivileged inner-city children, by promoting community service, cultural awareness, and education; and

WHEREAS, born in South Carolina, young Terry and his family migrated to Florida for a chance at a better life. With a hard-working mother at the helm, he learned discipline, compassion, motivation, and fervor to pursue the American dream. But to whom much is given, much is required, and Mr. Elliot, Sr., made it his life's mission to better those around him, as he climbed the ladder of success. Along with his many business ventures, including a sports club, night club, record label, real estate company, and publishing company, philanthropic endeavors are the highlight of Mr. Elliott's, Sr., professional life. Mr. Elliott, Sr., is involved in the annual Christmas on 15th Avenue Event, Farm Share, mentorship programs, and the altruistic "Wakanda Center" community hub; and

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WHEREAS, the leadership and community service of Mr. Terry Elliott, Sr., and Mrs. Sherria Elliott have left an indelible mark in the community. Thanks to their hard work and dedication, the Elliott name and legacy are fully cemented in the fabric of their community's history.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 23-003 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing the founders of The Ark of The City, Inc. – The Elliotts.

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

Presented this eighteenth day of January, A.D. 2023

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

SCHOOL BOARD CHAIR

ATTEST

Secretary