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REVISÉ AT DAIS BY BOARD

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 23-038 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING JEWISH COMMUNITY SERVICES OF SOUTH FLORIDA

COMMITTEE: PERSONNEL, STUDENT, SCHOOL & COMMUNITY SUPPORT

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

Since 1920, Jewish Community Services of South Florida has been providing exemplary social services through compassionate and comprehensive programs that help people stay healthy and productive. By partnering with funding agencies, sister organizations and local leaders, JCS continuously strengthens and solidifies its outreach and its impact. JCS continues to be a beacon of hope as it addresses current needs in three divisions: Children and Youth Services, Adult and Family Services, and Senior Support Services.

JCS specializes in services that address the unique needs of children, adolescents, and young adults. From mental health counseling and addiction treatment to violence prevention and mentoring initiatives, JCS has programs to assist youth in any situation or circumstance. In keeping with delivering help in neighborhood settings, many programs are offered at JCS offices, area schools, synagogues, and community centers.

By tapping into their extensive network of services, JCS assists adults and families of all incomes in ways that strengthen individuals, relationships, and family units, contributing to a healthier community. Those searching for mental health counseling, job assistance, support for survivors of domestic abuse and a variety of other services can utilize professional staff for effective treatment and guidance.

In addition to serving children and adults, the organization also provides resources for seniors, helping community members maintain their independence with diverse initiatives that include home care, personal emergency response systems, home-delivered meals, care management, adult day care and transportation services. Their number one priority is keeping seniors active, healthy, and living in their own homes for as long as it is safe and appropriate.

JCS also offers the 211 helpline service, which connects people in need to community resources and providing emotional support/crisis intervention. 211 Miami offers support to the community 24/7 in English, Spanish and Creole with an accredited directory of over 4,000 agencies and programs to address basic needs such as food insecurity, housing & shelter, legal assistance, clothing, and other free or low-cost resources.

For decades, Jewish Community Services of South Florida has consistently provided services and resources for those in need throughout Miami-Dade County. Today, we recognize JCS for their countless contributions to our community.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY
MS. LUCIA BAEZ-GELLER:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 23-038 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Jewish Community Services of South Florida.

**APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 23-038
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
RECOGNIZING JEWISH COMMUNITY SERVICES OF SOUTH FLORIDA**

WHEREAS, since 1920, Jewish Community Services of South Florida has been providing exemplary social services through compassionate and comprehensive programs that help people stay healthy and productive. By partnering with funding agencies, sister organizations and local leaders, JCS continuously strengthens and solidifies its outreach and its impact. JCS continues to be a beacon of hope as it addresses current needs in three divisions: Children and Youth Services, Adult and Family Services, and Senior Support Services; and

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WHEREAS, for decades, Jewish Community Services of South Florida has consistently provided services and resources for those in need throughout Miami-Dade County. Today, we recognize JCS for their countless contributions to our community;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 23-028 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Jewish Community Services of South Florida.

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

Presented this nineteenth day of July, A.D. 2023

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

SCHOOL BOARD CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary