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REVISED AT DAIS BY BOARD ACTION

**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 23-039 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING RUBAN ROBERTS FOR HIS COMMITMENT TO MENTAL HEALTH, THE COMMUNITY AND THE STUDENTS IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

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

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

The School Board of Miami-Dade County acknowledges the importance of promoting mental health awareness and support for minority youth in our community. July is recognized as Minority Mental Health Awareness Month, a time to raise awareness about the unique mental health challenges faced by minority communities, including our young population who are disproportionately affected by mental health issues, with higher rates of anxiety, depression, and suicide attempts compared to their peers.

Ruban Roberts has demonstrated outstanding dedication and commitment to improving the lives of young people in Miami-Dade County, particularly in mental health. He has played a significant role in advocating for the mental well-being of youth, ensuring they have access to culturally competent resources and support systems. He has actively engaged with youth, families, and community stakeholders, fostering an environment of understanding, empathy, and acceptance for individuals from diverse backgrounds to successfully create and implement the Teen Talk Dialogue Sessions program, promoting mental, physical, and emotional wellness for over 3,000 youth.

Ruban Roberts has worked with 5 law enforcement agencies and 25 trusted CBO partners to host over 250 Teen Talk sessions addressing critical topics such as mental health, healthy relationships, conflict resolution, life skills, and substance abuse prevention. The School Board of Miami-Dade County commends Ruban Roberts for his exceptional contributions to our community and applaud his unwavering commitment to enhancing the mental health and wellbeing of our youth.

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

That the School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida approves Resolution No. 23-039 of the School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Ruban Roberts for his commitment to mental health, the community, and the students in Miami-Dade County Public Schools.

**RESOLUTION NO. 23-039 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,  
RECOGNIZING RUBAN ROBERTS FOR HIS COMMITMENT TO MENTAL HEALTH, THE  
COMMUNITY AND THE STUDENTS IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

**WHEREAS**, The School Board of Miami-Dade County acknowledges the importance of promoting mental health awareness and support for minority youth in our community. July is recognized as Minority Mental Health Awareness Month, a time to raise awareness about the unique mental health challenges faced by minority communities, including our young population who are disproportionately affected by mental health issues, with higher rates of anxiety, depression, and suicide attempts compared to their peers; and

**WHEREAS**, Ruban Roberts has demonstrated outstanding dedication and commitment to improving the lives of young people in Miami-Dade County, particularly in mental health. He has played a significant role in advocating for the mental well-being of youth, ensuring they have access to culturally competent resources and support systems. He has actively engaged with youth, families, and community stakeholders, fostering an environment of understanding, empathy, and acceptance for individuals from diverse backgrounds to successfully create and implement the Teen Talk Dialogue Sessions program, promoting mental, physical, and emotional wellness for over 3,000 youth; and

**WHEREAS**, he has worked with 5 law enforcement agencies and 25 trusted CBO partners to host over 250 Teen Talk sessions addressing critical topics such as mental health, healthy relationships, conflict resolution, life skills, and substance abuse prevention. The School Board of Miami-Dade County commends Ruban Roberts for his exceptional contributions to our community and applaud his unwavering commitment to enhancing the mental health and wellbeing of our youth.

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

The School Board of Miami-Dade County recognizes Ruban Roberts for his for his commitment to mental health, the community and the students in Miami-Dade County Public Schools.

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

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SCHOOL BOARD CHAIR

ATTEST:

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Secretary