

Ms. Lucia Baez-Geller, School Board Member

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 23-054 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING GIRL SCOUTS OF TROPICAL FLORIDA IN HONOR OF THEIR 100TH ANNIVERSARY

COMMITTEE: PERSONNEL, STUDENT, SCHOOL, & COMMUNITY SUPPORT

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

Girl Scouts of Tropical Florida's (GSTF) mission is to build girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place. Throughout its history, Girl Scouts has provided a transformative experiential learning process that helps girls develop the core leadership skills they need to become successful adults.

In 1912, the first Girl Scouts troop was founded in Savannah, Georgia, by Juliette Gordon Low. On June 14, 1923, the Girl Scouts movement officially reached Miami-Dade County, and in 1963, the Girl Scout Council of Dade County merged with the Florida Keys Girl Scout Council, Inc. becoming the Girl Scouts Council of Tropical Florida, Inc. For 100 years, Girl Scouts of Tropical Florida has been building female leaders. Today, GSTF serves nearly 3,000 girls ages 5-17 in every zip code across Miami-Dade and Monroe County. GSTF works to ensure that all girls who desire to, regardless of backgrounds, abilities, statuses, races and ethnicities, can fully participate in leadership development programs.

Girl Scouts is the place where today's girls develop into the leaders of tomorrow. Whether she wants to be a scientist, a lawyer or an artist, every girl should have access to the tools and confidence to pursue her dreams. Through Girl Scouts, girls develop critical skills so that they can lead, thrive, and make the world a better place. They learn to problem solve and take a closer look at the world around them. Through the Girl Scout Leadership Experience, girls learn about coding and advocacy, climate change and entrepreneurship.

The council has served more than half a million girls since 1923 in the diverse and vibrant South Florida community. The story of GSTF mirrors much of the history of South Florida. GSTF shares South Florida's legacy of strong female leadership such as Miami's founder, Julia Tuttle—female pioneers who blazed trails and cleared the way for those who followed in their footsteps.

Today, GSTF aims to ensure that Juliette Gordon Low's idea—that girls can do anything—continues to empower girls in South Florida. Forming a lasting impact on the community and environment, GSTF is working to create strong, socially conscious leaders that make the world a better place, one girl at a time. Girl Scouts of Tropical Florida aims to develop the next generation of girl leaders, confident and well-equipped to contribute to and lead our industries and communities into the future.

ACTION PROPOSED BY

MS. LUCIA BAEZ-GELLER:

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 22-054 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Girl Scouts of Tropical Florida in honor of their 100th Anniversary.

**APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 22-054
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
RECOGNIZING GIRL SCOUTS OF TROPICAL FLORIDA IN HONOR OF THEIR 100TH
ANNIVERSARY**

WHEREAS, Girl Scouts of Tropical Florida's (GSTF) mission is to build girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place. Throughout its history, Girl Scouts has provided a transformative experiential learning process that helps girls develop the core leadership skills they need to become successful adults; and

WHEREAS, in 1912, the first Girl Scouts troop was founded in Savannah, Georgia, by Juliette Gordon Low. On June 14, 1923, the Girl Scouts movement officially reached Miami-Dade County, and in 1963, the Girl Scout Council of Dade County merged with the Florida Keys Girl Scout Council, Inc. becoming the Girl Scouts Council of Tropical Florida, Inc. For 100 years, Girl Scouts of Tropical Florida has been building female leaders. Today, GSTF serves nearly 3,000 girls ages 5-17 in every zip code across Miami-Dade and Monroe County. GSTF works to ensure that all girls who desire to, regardless of backgrounds, abilities, statuses, races and ethnicities, can fully participate in leadership development programs; and

WHEREAS, Girl Scouts is the place where today's girls develop into the leaders of tomorrow. Whether she wants to be a scientist, a lawyer or an artist, every girl should have access to the tools and confidence to pursue her dreams. Through Girl Scouts, girls develop critical skills so that they can lead, thrive, and make the world a better place. They learn to problem solve and take a closer look at the world around them. Through the Girl Scout Leadership Experience, girls learn about coding and advocacy, climate change and entrepreneurship; and

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WHEREAS, today, GSTF aims to ensure that Juliette Gordon Low's idea—that girls can do anything—continues to empower girls in South Florida. Forming a lasting impact on the community and environment, GSTF is working to create strong, socially conscious leaders that make the world a better place, one girl at a time. Girl Scouts of Tropical Florida aims to develop the next generation of girl leaders, confident and well-equipped to contribute to and lead our industries and communities into the future.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 23-054 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Girl Scouts of Tropical Florida in honor of their 100th Anniversary.

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

Presented this eleventh day of October, A.D. 2023

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

SCHOOL BOARD CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary