

Mr. Roberto J. Alonso, Board Member

SUBJECT: REQUEST APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 23-058 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING CITY OF HIALEAH GARDENS MAYOR YIOSET DE LA CRUZ

COMMITTEE: PERSONNEL, STUDENT, SCHOOL & COMMUNITY SUPPORT

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

Mayor Yioset De La Cruz was born in Havana, Cuba, on March 1, 1973. He arrived in Miami, Florida, in 1983 and moved to Hialeah Gardens the following year. Mayor De La Cruz's career in public service began in 1996 as Parks Director for the City of Sweetwater. On July 18, 2000, he was elected Mayor of the City of Hialeah Gardens, becoming one of the youngest Mayors in the State of Florida.

During his tenure as Mayor of City of Hialeah Gardens, Mayor Yioset De La Cruz has proven to be a strong believer in education and the role that education plays in the life of a child and the future of a community. He has been a staunch supporter of schools in the City of Hialeah Gardens and has been an outstanding partner of Miami-Dade County Public Schools.

Mayor De La Cruz believes that public schools are the cornerstone of democracy and prosperity. He is a tireless advocate for the best interests of students, teachers, administrators, and staff. His support for local schools has been significant and wide ranging, including monetary and in-kind contributions to cover various school needs, including donating over \$200,000 worth of computers for each school within the city. He has also provided funds to enhance numerous educational and athletic programs at local schools and to recognize the exemplary work of school staff.

Aware of the role that safety and security play in education, Mayor De La Cruz provides local schools with resources to ensure that schools remain safe and healthy learning environments where students can thrive. He is a great source of mentorship and support for students. He participates in school events and provides resources and logistics for events.

Mayor Yioset De La Cruz has demonstrated to be a fierce advocate for public education, students, educators, and working families in the City of Hialeah Gardens. He has devoted himself to making Hialeah Gardens a great place to live and raise a family, including his own. A resident of the City since 1984, Mayor De La Cruz calls Hialeah Gardens his home and together with his wife Jenny De La Cruz are raising their sons Joseph and Jonathan.

This resolution is presented to Mayor Yioset De La Cruz in recognition of his advocacy and support for public education in the City of Hialeah Gardens and his career as devoted representative of the residents of the City of Hialeah Gardens.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY
MR. ROBERTO J. ALONSO:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 23-058 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing City of Hialeah Gardens Mayor Yioset De La Cruz.

**REPLACEMENT
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**RESOLUTION NO. 23-058 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
RECOGNIZING CITY OF HIALEAH GARDENS MAYOR YIOSET DE LA CRUZ**

WHEREAS, Mayor Yioset De La Cruz was born in Havana, Cuba, on March 1, 1973. He arrived in Miami, Florida, in 1983 and moved to Hialeah Gardens the following year. Mayor De La Cruz's career in public service began in 1996 as Parks Director for the City of Sweetwater. On July 18, 2000, he was elected Mayor of the City of Hialeah Gardens, becoming one of the youngest Mayors in the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure as Mayor of City of Hialeah Gardens, Mayor Yioset De La Cruz has proven to be a strong believer in education and the role that education plays in the life of a child and the future of a community. He has been a staunch supporter of schools in the City of Hialeah Gardens and has been an outstanding partner of Miami-Dade County Public Schools; and

WHEREAS, Mayor De La Cruz believes that public schools are the cornerstone of democracy and prosperity. He is a tireless advocate for the best interests of students, teachers, administrators, and staff. His support for local schools has been significant and wide ranging, including monetary and in-kind contributions to cover various school needs, including donating over \$200,000 worth of computers for each school within the city. He has also provided funds to enhance numerous educational and athletic programs at local schools and to recognize the exemplary work of school staff; and

WHEREAS, aware of the role that safety and security play in education, Mayor De La Cruz provides local schools with resources to ensure that schools remain safe and healthy learning environments where students can thrive. He is a great source of mentorship and support for students. He participates in school events and provides resources and logistics for events; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Yioset De La Cruz has demonstrated to be a fierce advocate for public education, students, educators, and working families in the City of Hialeah Gardens. He has devoted himself to making Hialeah Gardens a great place to live and raise a family, including his own. A resident of the City since 1984, Mayor De La Cruz calls Hialeah Gardens his home and together with his wife Jenny De La Cruz are raising their sons Joseph and Jonathan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 23-058 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Mayor Yioset De La Cruz in recognition of his advocacy and support for public education in the City of Hialeah Gardens and his career as devoted representative of the residents of the City of Hialeah Gardens.

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

Presented this fifteenth day of November, A.D. 2023

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

SCHOOL BOARD CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary