

Mr. Roberto J. Alonso, Board Member

**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 24-013 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING ZOE PRIETO**

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

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

Zoe Prieto is a remarkable individual who has dedicated her life to giving back to the Miami-Dade County community and children of Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS). At the age of 25, Zoe was confronted with the daunting challenge of a lung cancer diagnosis. In the face of such an uncertain future, she prayed for strength and the opportunity to witness her children grow. Zoe's prayers were answered, and she not only survived but thrived. Zoe was able to actively participate in the lives of her children and eventually her grandchildren. Since then, her journey has been marked by resilience and gratitude, emerging from her personal battle to become an integral part of her community.

An exemplary community activist, Ms. Prieto has left an indelible mark on the lives of countless individuals. She is a child advocate at heart and is very active in her local Parent-Teacher Association (PTA). In support of M-DCPS students, Ms. Prieto has worked with North Twin Lakes Elementary School, Twin Lakes Elementary School, Amelia Earhart Elementary School, Palm Lakes Elementary School, Palm Springs Elementary School, Flamingo Elementary School, Hialeah Senior High School, and Hialeah Middle School. In support of local families, Ms. Prieto spearheads back-to-school events to help students get ready for school with necessary supplies, organizes toy drives to provide local children with Christmas gifts, and organizes Thanksgiving giveaways to distribute bags with essential food items so that families in need can enjoy a special dinner on Thanksgiving Day. Ms. Prieto organizes fieldtrips for local children to visit the Hialeah racetrack to enjoy a fun-filled day with fire trucks, face painting, a toy giveaway for each individual child, and a raffle of several bikes. She also helps domestic violence shelters and drug abuse centers.

Ms. Prieto's commitment to helping others extends beyond our borders. She serves as the President of the Children in Action Foundation, a non-profit organization founded by the late Pastor Evelio Valdez, dedicated to helping children in Miami-Dade and in the Dominican Republic. Ms. Prieto is committed to keeping Pastor Valdez's legacy alive, and under her leadership, the foundation has continued its work in the Dominican Republic, sending essential supplies, providing gifts for children in need, and building a church in the island.

This resolution honors and celebrates Zoe Prieto, her personal triumphs, compassionate endeavors, selfless contributions, resilience in the face of adversity, and tireless efforts to make a positive impact on the lives of children in Miami-Dade County and beyond.

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

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 24-013 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Zoe Prieto.

**REPLACEMENT  
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**RESOLUTION NO. 24-013 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,  
RECOGNIZING ZOE PRIETO**

**WHEREAS**, Zoe Prieto is a remarkable individual who has dedicated her life to giving back to the Miami-Dade County community and children of Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS). At the age of 25, Zoe was confronted with the daunting challenge of a lung cancer diagnosis. In the face of such an uncertain future, she prayed for strength and the opportunity to witness her children grow. Zoe's prayers were answered, and she not only survived but thrived. Zoe was able to actively participate in the lives of her children and eventually her grandchildren. Since then, her journey has been marked by resilience and gratitude, emerging from her personal battle to become an integral part of her community; and

**WHEREAS**, an exemplary community activist, Ms. Prieto has left an indelible mark on the lives of countless individuals. She is a child advocate at heart and is very active in her local Parent-Teacher Association (PTA). In support of M-DCPS students, Ms. Prieto has worked with North Twin Lakes Elementary School, Twin Lakes Elementary School, Amelia Earhart Elementary School, Palm Lakes Elementary School, Palm Springs Elementary School, Flamingo Elementary School, Hialeah Senior High School, and Hialeah Middle School. In support of local families, Ms. Prieto spearheads back-to-school events to help students get ready for school with necessary supplies, organizes toy drives to provide local children with Christmas gifts, and organizes Thanksgiving giveaways to distribute bags with essential food items so that families in need can enjoy a special dinner on Thanksgiving Day. Ms. Prieto organizes fieldtrips for local children to visit the Hialeah racetrack to enjoy a fun-filled day with fire trucks, face painting, a toy giveaway for each individual child, and a raffle of several bikes. She also helps domestic violence shelters and drug abuse centers; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Prieto's commitment to helping others extends beyond our borders. She serves as the President of the Children in Action Foundation, a non-profit organization founded by the late Pastor Evelio Valdez, dedicated to helping children in Miami-Dade and in the Dominican Republic. Ms. Prieto is committed to keeping Pastor Valdez's legacy alive, and under her leadership, the foundation has continued its work in the Dominican Republic, sending essential supplies, providing gifts for children in need, and building a church in the island; and

**WHEREAS**, this resolution honors and celebrates Zoe Prieto, her personal triumphs, compassionate endeavors, selfless contributions, resilience in the face of adversity, and tireless efforts to make a positive impact on the lives of children in Miami-Dade County and beyond;

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

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 24-013 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Zoe Prieto.

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

**Presented this thirteenth day of February, A.D. 2024**

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

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SCHOOL BOARD CHAIR

ATTEST:

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Secretary