

Dr. Steve Gallon III, Board Member

**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 24-040 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING REVEREND RHONDA THOMAS FOR HER OVERWHELMING AND CONTINUOUS SUPPORT OF THE COMMUNITY AND THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

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

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

With great honor and appreciation, we recognize Reverend Rhonda Michelle Walker Thomas. An active servant and community organizer, Rev. Thomas is dedicated to transforming our community. A 1977 graduate of Miami Northwestern Senior High School, she received her license to preach the Gospel on April 20, 2000, and was ordained on June 19, 2006. As an anointed teacher and preacher, she has been blessed to touch lives across the country.

Since 2017, she has partnered with District 1, remaining a steadfast advocate for our students and community. She has supported several schools through various initiatives, including bike giveaways, gift cards for teacher and student incentives, mentoring, mask and sanitizer distribution during the pandemic, providing blazers for the inaugural District 1 Student Advisory Council, and distributing gas cards. Rev. Thomas is a dedicated supporter of District 1, its students, and their families.

Rev. Rhonda Thomas has received numerous accolades, including the 100 Leading First Ladies of South Florida - ICABA; Leading Team Mother of Many - North Miami Beach Sundevils; The Broward County Business & Professional Women’s Network; Certificate of Leading Fellow Democracy Worker – PICO Florida; Certificate of Outstanding Leadership - New Generation Missionary Baptist Church; Proclamation of Rev. Rhonda Thomas Day – Miami Gardens by Mayor Shirley Gibson; and Proclamation of Rev. Rhonda Thomas Day – City of Opa-Locka by Mayor Myra Taylor. She has served as the spokesperson for the communities of Opa-Locka and Miami Gardens and as Vice President of the Women’s Initiative Board in Opa-Locka.

Rev. Thomas is passionate about empowering people and communities of color through education and political awareness. She firmly believes that true power arises from engaging with those who endure the greatest hardships.

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

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 24-040 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Reverend Rhonda Thomas for her overwhelming and continuous support of the community and the Miami-Dade County Public Schools.

**RESOLUTION NO. 24-040 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,  
RECOGNIZING REVEREND RHONDA THOMAS FOR HER OVERWHELMING AND  
CONTINUOUS SUPPORT OF THE COMMUNITY AND THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC  
SCHOOLS**

**WHEREAS**, with great honor and appreciation, we recognize Reverend Rhonda Michelle Walker Thomas. An active servant and community organizer, Rev. Thomas is dedicated to transforming our community. A 1977 graduate of Miami Northwestern Senior High School, she received her license to preach the Gospel on April 20, 2000, and was ordained on June 19, 2006. As an anointed teacher and preacher, she has been blessed to touch lives across the country; and

**WHEREAS**, since 2017, she has partnered with District 1, remaining a steadfast advocate for our students and community. She has supported several schools through various initiatives, including bike giveaways, gift cards for teacher and student incentives, mentoring, mask and sanitizer distribution during the pandemic, providing blazers for the inaugural District 1 Student Advisory Council, and distributing gas cards. Rev. Thomas is a dedicated supporter of District 1, its students, and their families; and

**WHEREAS**, Rev. Rhonda Thomas has received numerous accolades, including the 100 Leading First Ladies of South Florida - ICABA; Leading Team Mother of Many - North Miami Beach Sundevils; The Broward County Business & Professional Women's Network; Certificate of Leading Fellow Democracy Worker – PICO Florida; Certificate of Outstanding Leadership - New Generation Missionary Baptist Church; Proclamation of Rev. Rhonda Thomas Day – Miami Gardens by Mayor Shirley Gibson; and Proclamation of Rev. Rhonda Thomas Day – City of Opa-Locka by Mayor Myra Taylor. She has served as the spokesperson for the communities of Opa-Locka and Miami Gardens and as Vice President of the Women's Initiative Board in Opa-Locka; and

**WHEREAS**, Rev. Thomas is passionate about empowering people and communities of color through education and political awareness. She firmly believes that true power arises from engaging with those who endure the greatest hardships.

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

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 24-040 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Reverend Rhonda Thomas for her overwhelming and continuous support of the community and the Miami-Dade County Public Schools.

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

**Presented this eighteenth day of June, A.D. 2024**

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

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SCHOOL BOARD CHAIR

ATTEST:

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Secretary