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ACTION

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 24-068 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING GALE NELSON OF BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS MIAMI FOR HIS CONTINUED COMMITMENT TO THE GREATER COMMUNITY AND THE STUDENTS OF THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

COMMITTEE: PERSONNEL, STUDENT, SCHOOL, & COMMUNITY SUPPORT

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

Gale Nelson is the President & CEO of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Miami. Since 2018, Gale has overseen the entire organizational culture of BBBS Miami and while ensuring and maximum donor and community engagement. Nelson says, "While mentoring will always remain at the forefront of our mission, we are expanding our programs and services to include digital literacy, health and wellness, music and the arts, academic enrichment, and career pathways training. We are engaging thousands of promising youth and empowering future leaders for the betterment of our community."

Gale Nelson was born in Lincoln, Nebraska, and grew up in Toledo, Ohio where he began his pursuit of personal and professional success. Gale earned his Bachelor of Business Administration in Corporate Finance from the University of Toledo (Toledo, OH) and his Master of Science in Management and Administration of Educational Programs from Nova Southeastern University (Davie, FL). Gale has earned eight doctoral hours in Non-Profit Leadership at Colorado Technical University (Colorado Springs, CO).

Some of his most recent accomplishments include Member, Orange Bowl Committee (2023), recipient of the Irvin F. Westheimer Visionary Leadership Award (2022). This national award is named after the man whose vision led to the founding of Big Brothers Big Sisters, Children's Trust David Lawrence "Champions for Children" Award (2022), South Florida Business Journal *Ultimate CEO* Honoree (2021), South Florida Business Journal Power 250 List (2021), completed the Nonprofit Leadership program at Boston College (2018), and the Harvard Business School Strategic Perspectives in Non-Profit Management Course for CEO's from around the world (2018).

Gale's professional career includes over 30 years of non-profit management and leadership experience. Currently, he is the President & CEO of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Miami and the Florida Keys, and since joining the team in July 2006, he has played a significant role in the growth and development of the agency's mentoring and fund development programs. He led his team in being named the Agency of the Year Award (2021) and the National Pinnacle Award for four straight years (2019, 2020, 2021, and 2022).

Gale is a highly effective public speaker and the consummate strategist who provides solution-focused leadership. His faith and his family continue to keep him grounded in helping youth and families.

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

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 24-068 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Gale Nelson of Big Brothers Big Sisters Miami for his continued commitment to the greater community and the students of the Miami-Dade County Public Schools.

**RESOLUTION NO. 24-068 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
RECOGNIZING GALE NELSON OF BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS MIAMI FOR HIS
CONTINUED COMMITMENT TO THE GREATER COMMUNITY AND THE STUDENTS OF
THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

WHEREAS, Gale Nelson is the President & CEO of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Miami. Since 2018, Gale has overseen the entire organizational culture of BBBS Miami and while ensuring and maximum donor and community engagement. Nelson says, "While mentoring will always remain at the forefront of our mission, we are expanding our programs and services to include digital literacy, health and wellness, music and the arts, academic enrichment, and career pathways training. We are engaging thousands of promising youth and empowering future leaders for the betterment of our community; and

WHEREAS, he was born in Lincoln, Nebraska, and grew up in Toledo, Ohio where he began his pursuit of personal and professional success. Gale earned his Bachelor of Business Administration in Corporate Finance from the University of Toledo (Toledo, OH) and his Master of Science in Management and Administration of Educational Programs from Nova Southeastern University (Davie, FL). Gale has earned eight doctoral hours in Non-Profit Leadership at Colorado Technical University (Colorado Springs, CO); and

WHEREAS, some of his most recent accomplishments include Member, Orange Bowl Committee (2023), recipient of the Irvin F. Westheimer Visionary Leadership Award (2022). This national award is named after the man whose vision led to the founding of Big Brothers Big Sisters, Children's Trust David Lawrence "Champions for Children" Award (2022), South Florida Business Journal *Ultimate CEO* Honoree (2021), South Florida Business Journal Power 250 List (2021), completed the Nonprofit Leadership program at Boston College (2018), and the Harvard Business School Strategic Perspectives in Non-Profit Management Course for CEO's from around the world (2018); and

WHEREAS, his professional career includes over 30 years of non-profit management and leadership experience. Currently, he is the President & CEO of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Miami and the Florida Keys, and since joining the team in July 2006, he has played a significant role in the growth and development of the agency's mentoring and fund development programs. He led his team in being named the Agency of the Year Award (2021) and the National Pinnacle Award for four straight years (2019, 2020, 2021, and 2022); and

WHEREAS, he is a highly effective public speaker and the consummate strategist who provides solution-focused leadership. His faith and his family continue to keep him grounded in helping youth and families.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 24-068 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Gale Nelson of Big Brothers Big Sisters Miami for his continued commitment to the greater community and the students of the Miami-Dade County Public Schools.

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

Presented this sixteenth day of October, A.D. 2024

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

SCHOOL BOARD CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary