

Ms. Mary Blanco, Board Member

**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 26-031 OF THE
SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
RECOGNIZING RON MAGILL OF ZOO MIAMI**

COMMITTEE: PERSONNEL, STUDENT, SCHOOL & COMMUNITY SUPPORT

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

Ron Magill is a distinguished educator, conservation advocate, storyteller, and longtime Communications Director for Zoo Miami, whose four decades of service have profoundly shaped environmental education throughout Miami-Dade County. Through his unwavering commitment to conservation and environmental outreach, he has inspired generations of students, supported educators, and fostered a deeper understanding of wildlife and conservation across our community. He is now retiring after 46 years of dedicated service.

Mr. Magill has helped elevate Zoo Miami as a cornerstone educational institution and is dedicated to supporting students throughout Miami-Dade County Public Schools. The Ron Magill Conservation Scholarship is an annual \$5,000 award given by the Zoo Miami Foundation and Ron Magill Conservation Endowment. This award was conceived and created by Mr. Magill, and its goal is to inspire and support the development of young adults pursuing careers in wildlife conservation. Additionally, he transformed Zoo Miami into a living classroom for Miami-Dade County, where students and families alike can engage directly with science, conservation, and the natural world. He has played a key role in developing educational programming at Zoo Miami, helping align experiences with school curriculum and real-world environmental issues.

A five-time Emmy Award winner for his work in wildlife and environmental reporting, Mr. Magill has informed and inspired audiences throughout Miami-Dade County, South Florida, and beyond. His educational television segments about wildlife, conservation, and environmental issues have aired on nationally recognized programs, such as Good Morning America. His critically acclaimed storytelling is celebrated for its educational impact and ability to connect audiences with wildlife.

The School Board of Miami-Dade County proudly recognizes Ron Magill for his 46 years of dedicated service to education and the Miami-Dade community. His lifelong commitment to inspiring students and serving as a leading voice for conservation has created a lasting impact across the community.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY
MR. MARY BLANCO:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 26-031 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Ron Magill of Zoo Miami.

**RESOLUTION NO. 26-031
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
RECOGNIZING RON MAGILL OF ZOO MIAMI**

WHEREAS, Ron Magill is a distinguished educator, conservation advocate, storyteller, and longtime Communications Director for Zoo Miami, whose four decades of service have profoundly shaped environmental education throughout Miami-Dade County. Through his unwavering commitment to conservation and environmental outreach, he has inspired generations of students, supported educators, and fostered a deeper understanding of wildlife and conservation across our community. He is now retiring after 46 years of dedicated service; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Magill has helped elevate Zoo Miami as a cornerstone educational institution and is dedicated to supporting students throughout Miami-Dade County Public Schools. The Ron Magill Conservation Scholarship is an annual \$5,000 award given by the Zoo Miami Foundation and Ron Magill Conservation Endowment. This award was conceived and created by Mr. Magill, and its goal is to inspire and support the development of young adults pursuing careers in wildlife conservation; and

WHEREAS, additionally, he transformed Zoo Miami into a living classroom for Miami-Dade County, where students and families alike can engage directly with science, conservation, and the natural world. He has played a key role in developing educational programming at Zoo Miami, helping align experiences with school curriculum and real-world environmental issues; and

WHEREAS, a five-time Emmy Award winner for his work in wildlife and environmental reporting, Mr. Magill has informed and inspired audiences throughout Miami-Dade County, South Florida, and beyond. His educational television segments about wildlife, conservation, and environmental issues have aired on nationally recognized programs, such as Good Morning America. His critically acclaimed storytelling is celebrated for its educational impact and ability to connect audiences with wildlife; and

WHEREAS, The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, proudly recognizes Ron Magill for his 46 years of dedicated service to education and the Miami-Dade community. His lifelong commitment to inspiring students and serving as a leading voice for conservation has created a lasting impact across the community;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 26-031 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Ron Magill of Zoo Miami.

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

Presented this sixteenth day of June, A.D. 2026

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

SCHOOL BOARD CHAIR

ATTEST

Secretary