



*Miami-Dade County League of Cities, Inc.*

## **Board of Directors Meeting**

**March 2, 2017**



**Welcome**





Richard Kuper, Esq.  
Executive Director

## Board of Director's Meeting

March 2, 2017

Miami Shores Country Club  
10000 Biscayne Boulevard  
Miami Shores, FL 33138

6:00 p.m. Reception - 7:00 p.m. Dinner Meeting

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### WELCOMING REMARKS:

*President Francis X. Suarez,  
Commissioner, City of Miami*

### 1. INVOCATION:

*Mayor Alice Burch,  
Village of Miami Shores*

### 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

*Councilman Alix Desulme,  
City of North Miami*

### 3. MINUTES: February 2, 2017

### 4. CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Monthly Disbursement

*President Francis X. Suarez,  
Commissioner, City of Miami*

MDCLC RESOLUTION 2017-1

- A. A RESOLUTION OF THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY LEAGUE OF CITIES ENDORSING AND SUPPORTING THE EXPANSION OF THE NEW STARTS TRANSIT PROGRAM (NSTP) TO FACILITATE FUNDING FOR THE STRATEGIC MIAMI AREA RAPID TRANSIT (SMART) PLAN

*Second Vice President Jordan W. Leonard,  
Mayor, Town of Bay Harbor Islands*

MDCLC RESOLUTION 2017-2

- B. A RESOLUTION OF THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY LEAGUE OF CITIES URGING ALL MEMBERS OF THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO OPPOSE BILL# PCB PIE 17-03 WHICH WILL REQUIRE MUNICIPAL ELECTED OFFICIALS AND CANDIDATES FOR ELECTED MUNICIPAL OFFICE TO FILE AN ANNUAL FORM-6; DIRECTING THAT THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TRANSMIT A CERTIFIED COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION TO THE FLORIDA LEAGUE OF CITIES, THE PRESIDENT OF THE FLORIDA SENATE, THE SPEAKER OF THE FLORIDA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND ANY OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES.

CITY OF PLANTATION RESOLUTION 12434

- C. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PLANTATION, FLORIDA URGING ALL MEMBERS OF THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO OPPOSE BILL# PCB PIE 17-03 WHICH WILL REQUIRE MUNICIPAL ELECTED OFFICIALS AND CANDIDATES FOR MUNICIPAL OFFICE TO FILE AN ANNUAL FORM-6; DIRECTING CITY ADMINISTRATION TO TRANSMIT A CERTIFIED COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION TO THE BROWARD LEAGUE OF CITIES, THE FLORIDA LEAGUE OF CITIES, THE BROWARD COUNTY LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION, THE PALM BEACH COUNTY LEAGUE OF CITIES AND ANY OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS' PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

- D. SB 626: CONCEALED WEAPONS OR FIREARMS

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT RELATING TO CONCEALED WEAPONS OR FIREARMS; AMENDING S. 790.06, F.S.; AUTHORIZING A CONCEALED WEAPONS OR CONCEALED FIREARMS LICENSEE TO CARRY A CONCEALED WEAPON OR FIREARM INTO ANY MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF A COUNTY, PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT, MUNICIPALITY, OR SPECIAL DISTRICT; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.



6. EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS REPORT:

*Richard Kuper, Esq.*

7. MEDIA CAMPAIGN UPDATE:

*Mr. Brian Andrews,  
President, News Director, Inc.*

8. BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS OF MIAMI PRESENTATION:

*Mr. Gale S. Nelson,  
President, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Miami*

9. FLORIDA FOSTER CARE REVIEW PRESENTATION:

*Mr. Richard Pulido,  
Community Relations Director,  
Florida Foster Care Review*

10. FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES:

- A. A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, OPPOSING ANY RELIGIOUS-BASED OR NATIONALITY-BASED REGISTRATION OF PERSONS ENTERING THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.
- B. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF SOUTH MIAMI, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING EFFORTS IN THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO PURCHASE 60,000 ACRES OF LAND SOUTH OF LAKE OKEECHOBEE IN THE EVERGLADES AGRICULTURAL AREA TO INITIATE PROJECT PLANNING FOR WATER STORAGE AND TREATMENT AS OUTLINES IN THE COMPREHENSIVE EVERGLADES AND RESTORATION PLAN TO SEND CLEAN WATER TO EVERGLADES NATIONAL PARK AND THE FLORIDA KEYS AND ALLEVIATE HARMFUL WATER DISCHARGES TO THE ST. LUCIE AND CALOOSAHATCHEE ESTUARIES.

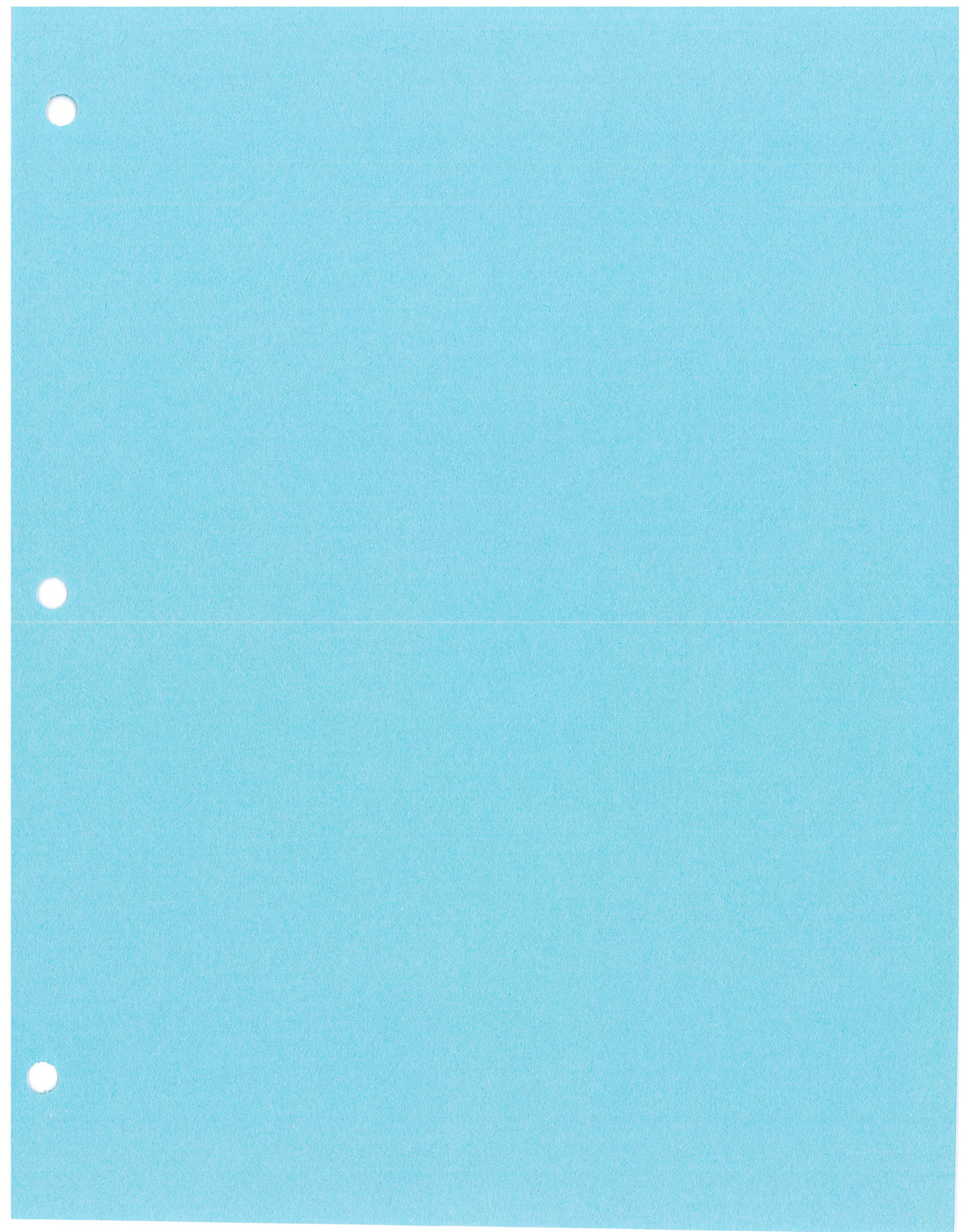


## 11. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- ***Attorney Luncheon Seminar: Wednesday, March 29, 2017***  
Topic: ***“The Right to Protest vs. The Authority of Local Governments to Regulate Protest”***  
Location: 94<sup>th</sup> Aero Squadron Restaurant  
1395 NW 57<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Miami, FL 33126
- ***Miami-Dade County Days: Wednesday, April 5, 2017 & Thursday, April 6, 2017***
- ***Board of Directors Meeting: Thursday, April 13, 2017***  
Location: T.B.A.
- ***Board of Directors Meeting: Thursday, May 4, 2017***  
Location: T.B.A.

## 12. ADJOURNMENT









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#### Minutes

February 2, 2017

Hialeah Park

**President Francis X. Suarez**, Commissioner, City of Miami, called the meeting to order at 7:12 p.m.. President Suarez announced that there were some children present at this evening's board meeting for "Take Your Child to Work Day" then recognized the children with certificate's of attendance.

President **Suarez** then introduced, Councilwoman **Vivian Casáls- Muñoz** to give the invocation.

**Mr. John Brunetti, Jr.**, President, Hialeah Park, lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

President **Suarez** asked for a motion to approve the minutes and the consent agenda. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

President **Suarez** then introduced Board Member **Susie Castillo**, M-DCPS for the educational minute. Ms. Castillo thanked and acknowledged all of the parents who took their child to work today and the children for their participation. Ms. Castillo announced that Dr. Steve Gallon, III was recently appointed as a school board member for District 1. She then informed all that on November 8, 2016, the school board passed amendment 2 in Florida allowing for use of medical marijuana by individuals, which may involve children. When considering implementing legislation it is necessary for policy makers to address ways to safeguard our students in schools. At the July 2016 School Board meeting the County passed and adopted ordinance 16.67 which amended the existing zoning regulations related to cannabis setting a minimum distance of 1000 feet from child facilities, schools, and religious facilities. In December of 2016 the school board unanimously passed an item proposed by Dr. Martin Karp. In the item he also asked to



amend the legislative platform to include the prohibition of medical marijuana dispensaries within 2500 feet of a school, medical marijuana products that look like or are packaged as candy and any other enticing food or drink items and medical marijuana products on school property without administrative supervision as deemed appropriate by the super intendant of schools. The students are the main concern and to keep medical marijuana out of school zones unless it is medically necessary, authorized, and approved. Evidence shows that the effects of having dispensaries near schools include the increase of hospital visits and car accidents in minors. Ms. Castillo then asked all to consider endorsing the resolution passed by the school board and mentioned that if anybody would like to request it to do so through the League.

President **Suarez** then gave the MDCLC Legislative update. President Suarez mentioned that the Legislative agenda is focused on transportation, traffic, and congestion this year. One thing as League president that President Suarez has created is Legislation that will expand the New Stars program which funds the capital improvement needed to expand mass transit. The state right now only contributes 12 percent to any new project that a county or city promotes. We have asked the state to increase this amount from 12 percent to 25 percent. We are thankful to have gotten a house bill sponsor, which is Representative Duran, just recently elected to the State House of Representatives. And a Senate bill sponsor, which is Senator Anitere Flores. We have succeeded in getting a bill on the legislature and we will continue our efforts throughout the legislative session, which will begin this year on March 7, 2017. We have a resolution in support of that bill from the Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce, as well as a resolution from the Board of County Commissioner and the Latin Builder's Association in support of that bill. The tremendous amount of community support that we have will help us fund and help the state fund a larger portion of our mass transit. We are also asking the Federal Government to either fund mass transit or at the very minimum reduce the regulations associated with applying for federal funding. Right now, to get federal funding you have to do an eco study. An eco study costs millions of dollars and at least 24 months just to be able to apply. So we are asking the federal government to reduce the amount of time needed to complete the eco study so that we can apply sooner. President Suarez urged everyone to pass resolutions in your municipalities supporting the legislative item.

President **Suarez** then introduced MDCLC Media Strategist **Brian Andrews** to give some information on the MDCLC Media Campaign. Brian mentioned that the MDCLC would like to promote themselves through an English, Creole, and Spanish radio station. The Executive Board will appear on these radio stations to discuss League, municipal, and legislative updates and issues. This will help get the attention of radio listeners and people on their way to work.

President **Suarez** asked for a motion to amend the MDCLC 2016-2017 budget to \$25,000. The motion was passed by a unanimous vote.

President **Suarez** then introduced Mr. **Devesh Nirmul**, Senior Director of Renew Financial. Mr. Nirmul spoke on PACE Financing. Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) is a means of financing energy efficiency upgrades or renewable energy installations for residential, commercial and industrial property owners. Renew Financial can help governments reach energy and water conservation goals. Their financing platforms also assist states in Clean Power Plan implementation. Hundreds of communities have signed on to participate in our innovative



financing models. Mr. Nirmul asked for the support of the municipalities and offered to answer any questions throughout the night.

President **Suarez** then introduced Mr. **John Thomas** of Renovate America. Mr. Thomas mentioned that he is a competitor with Renew Financial being that they are both PACE providers. Renovate America is making homes and communities more energy and water-efficient. They partner with cities and counties to provide innovative new financing solutions that help save energy, lower utility bills, reduce emissions, create new jobs and increase property values. "HERO" provides communities with an extensive technology platform designed to deliver economic and environmental data, while streamlining every step of the process. The partnership between HERO and local governments is made possible by PACE (Property Assessed Clean Energy) legislation, which gives property owners a new way to borrow money for energy-efficient home upgrades. Mr. Thomas thanked everyone for their time and asked for all municipal support. President Suarez thanked him for his presentation and ask everyone to consider the PACE programs.

**Executive Director Richard Kuper** introduced the **Executive Board Members** present: President Francis Suarez, Commissioner, Miami, Second Vice President Jordan W. Leonard, Mayor, Bay Harbor Islands, Secretary George Vallejo, Mayor, North Miami Beach, Treasurer Claudia Cubillos, Mayor, El Portal. **Board Members** present: Mayor Juan Carlos Bermudez, Doral, Councilman Harold Mathis, El Portal, Mayor Mayra Peña Lindsay, Key Biscayne, Councilman Jack Morrow, Medley, Board Member Susie Castillo, MDCPS, Commissioner Wifredo "Willy" Gort, Miami, Commissioner Mickey Steinberg, Miami Beach, Councilwoman Felicia Robinson, Miami Gardens, Councilman Nelson Rodriguez, Miami Lakes, Mayor Connie Leon-Kreps, North Bay Village, Councilwoman Marlen Martell, North Miami Beach, Mayor Mayra Taylor, Opa-Locka, Mayor Eugene Flinn, Palmetto Bay, Commissioner Gabriel Edmond, South Miami, Vice Mayor Barry Cohen, Surfside, Councilman Richard Block, Virginia Gardens. **Past Presidents** present: Former State Representative Eduardo "Eddy" Gonzalez, Councilman Isaac Salver, Bay Harbor Islands, Wifredo "Willy" Gort, Miami, Juan Carlos Bermudez, Doral, Council President Luis Gonzalez, Hialeah, Former Councilman Michael Blynn, North Miami Beach, Former State Representative Richard Steinberg. **City Attorney's** present: Vivianne Del Rio, State Attorney's Office, Dan Espino, Doral, Gary Held. **City Managers** present: Sharon Ragoonan, Biscayne Park, Daniel Alfonso, Miami, Jimmy Morales, Miami Beach, William Alonso, Miami Springs, Ana M. Garcia, North Miami Beach, Christopher Russo, Sunny Isles Beach. **Deputy City Manager** present: Al Childress, Doral. **City Clerks** present: Marilane Lima, Indian Creek. **Judges** present: Don Cohn, County Court, Diana Gonzalez Whyte, County Court, Diana Vizcaino, County Court. **Judicial candidates** present: Carlos Lopez, Elena Tauler, Rosy Aponte. **MDCPS Board members** present: Susie Castillo, Dr. Steve Gallon, III. **Associate Members** present: Alberni Caballero and Fierman, Andrew Fierman, Enrique Llerena, American Traffic Solutions, Orlando Torres, Anfield Consulting Group, Edgar Fernandez, Baptist Health South Florida, Maria Luisa Gonzalez, CH2M Hill, Mike Shehadeh, City National bank, Lance Aylsworth, Florida City Gas, Manuel Gomez, Miguel Bustos, FPL, Addys Kuryla, Charles Knight, Hialeah Park, John Brunetti, Jr., Vivian Casals- Munoz, Kimley- Horn & Associates, Margarita Giraldo, Leonte Almonte, Levy & Associates, Jose Diaz, JC Canabal, Samantha Laurel, Renew Financial, Devesh Nirmul, Renovate Maerica, John Charles Thomas, SFM Services, Inc., Christian Infante, Jose Infante, Waste Management, Jason Neal, Waste Pro of



Florida, Kenneth Rivera, Weiss Serota Helfman Cole & Bierman, Milton Collins, Dan Espino, Susan Trevarthen, World Waste Recycling, Eileen Damaso.

Mr. **Kuper** announced that the Miami-Dade County Days will be held on Wednesday, April 5, 2017 and Thursday, April 6, 2017 and encouraged everyone to register online and attend Dade days in Tallahassee. He looks forward to seeing everyone there. Mr. Kuper stated that the MDCLC Gala would be taking place in between the month's of May and July, once the details and dates are finalized we will send out information regarding the Gala.

Mr. **Kuper** introduced Mr. **Monty Trainer**, President of the Coconut Grove Arts Festival. The coconut grove Arts festival is set to take place on February 18, 19, 20, 2017. He asked all to attend and insisted on a fun time if you did. Coconut Grove Arts Festival showcases the works of 360 internationally recognized artists who are selected from nearly 1,300 applicants. Jurors evaluate the artist's work and displays to select participants in such categories as mixed media, painting, photography, digital art, printmaking and drawing, watercolor, claywork, glass, fiber, jewelry & metalwork, sculpture and wood. Proceeds help fund year-round arts programs, which create a positive impact on our community and touch the lives of many throughout the year. He was excited to announce that this year's featured artist for the Festival is Guy Harvey and proceeded to present Mr. John Brunetti, President of Hialeah Park with a framed 2017 official Coconut Grove Arts Festival poster by Painter Guy Harvey. Mr. Brunetti thanked Mr. Trainer.

President **Suarez** introduced MDCLC Treasurer **Claudia Cubillos**. Treasurer Cubillos mentioned that the Village of El Portal would be celebrating their 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Art Fair on February 3 and 4, 2017. Treasurer Cubillos asked for everyone in the municipalities to please support and attend the celebration. She also encouraged everyone to enter and participate in the new logo competition for the Village. The logo would be selected by the Council and revealed at the VIP reception on February 3, 2017. Treasurer Cubillos asked that if anyone has any questions to please speak to her throughout the night.

Placed in agenda for informational purposes:

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-03

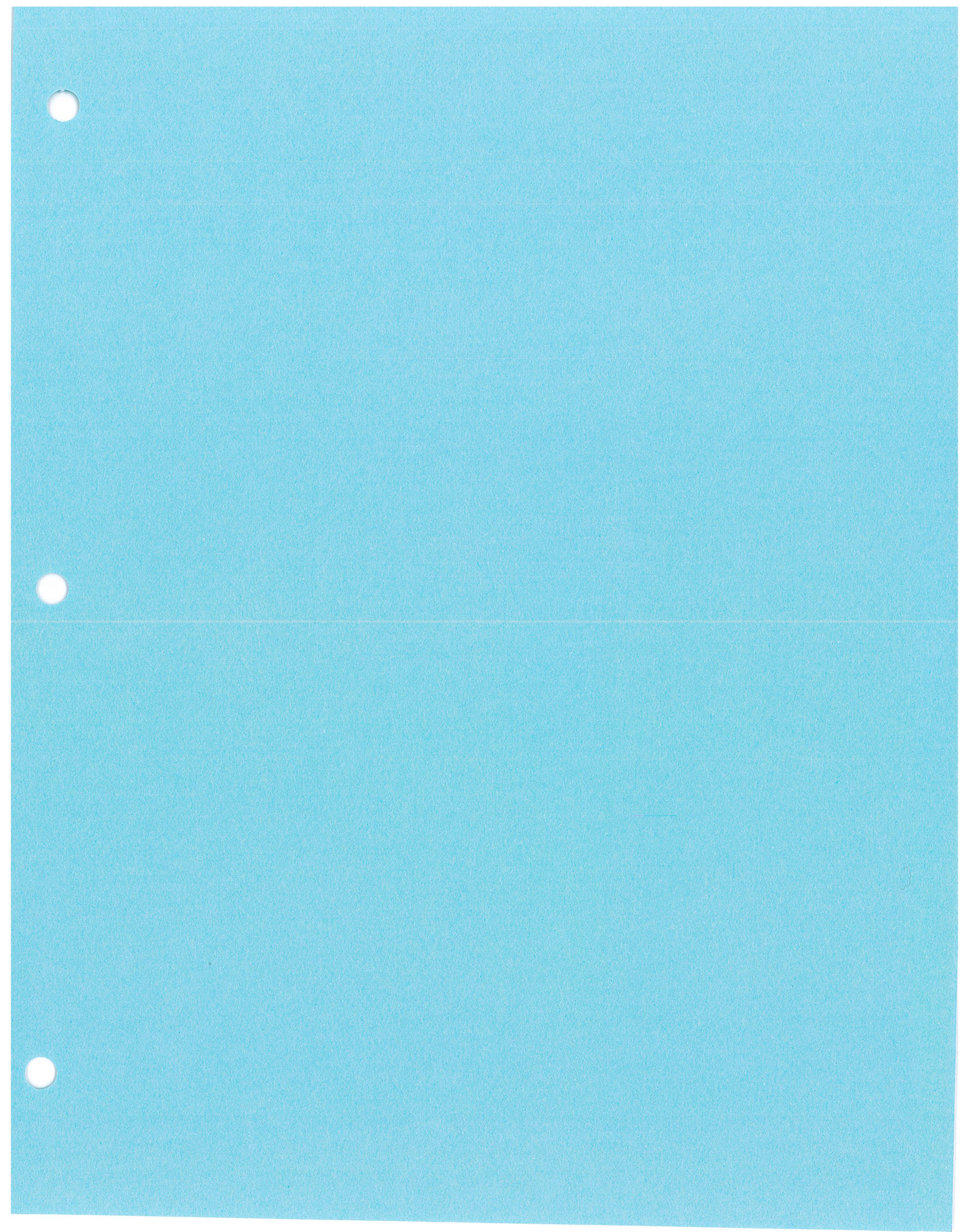
A RESOLUTION OF THE PALM BEACH COUNTY LEAGUE OF CITIES, INC., STRONGLY SUPPORTING AND ENCOURAGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO PROVIDE THE NECESSARY AND SUSTAINED FUNDING TO COMPLETE THE REHABILITATION OF THE HERBERT HOOVER DIKE; FURTHER STRONGLY SUPPORTING AND ENCOURAGING THE UNITED STATES ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS TO EXPEDITE THE REPAIRS OF THE HERBERT HOOVER DIKE TO PROTECT THE PUBLIC HEALTH , SAFETY AND WELFARE OF THE RESIDENCE OF THE COMMUNITIES SURROUNDING LAKE OKEECHOBEE INCLUDING THE CITIES OF BELLE GLADE, PAHOKEE AND SOUTH BAY, AND TO MINIMIZE THE ENVIROMENTAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACTS THAT RESULT FROM LAKE OKEECHOBEE DISCHARGES TO COASTAL ESTUARIES; PROVIDING FOR THE TRANSMITTAL TO THE REGIONAL MUNICIPAL LEAGUES; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

President **Suarez** then announced that the next Board of Directors meeting will be held on March 2, 2017, location is TBD, and Miami-Dade County Days will be held on Wednesday, April 5, 2017 and Thursday, April 6, 2017.

Meeting adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

***Summarized minutes***







## **RESOLUTION NO. 2017-1**

### **A RESOLUTION OF THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY LEAGUE OF CITIES ENDORSING AND SUPPORTING THE EXPANSION OF THE NEW STARTS TRANSIT PROGRAM (NSTP) TO FACILITATE FUNDING FOR THE STRATEGIC MIAMI AREA RAPID TRANSIT (SMART) PLAN**

**WHEREAS**, Miami-Dade County is suffering from severe traffic congestion involving an increasing amount of its roadways and for an increasing amount of time; and

**WHEREAS**, this congestion has a detrimental effect on the quality of life for residents of Miami-Dade County, the prosperity of our local business community, and the economic climate of the area as a whole; and

**WHEREAS**, Miami-Dade County League of Cities advocates sound policy proposals that will benefit the whole Miami-Dade County community; and

**WHEREAS**, alleviating the severe congestion negatively impacting our community, will provide better quality of life for residents, provide better access to local businesses, and benefit the local cities; and

**WHEREAS**, Miami-Dade County (the County) and the Miami-Dade Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) have proposed the Strategic Miami Area Rapid Transit (SMART) Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, the SMART Plan intends to advance six (6) of the rapid transit corridors, which primarily features six (6) rapid transit corridors that include both bus rapid transit and fixed-guideway transit projects, that once completed, will connect all parts of the County to a holistic public transit system; and

**WHEREAS**, completion of all six (6) corridors will require substantial funding and coordination from Federal, State, and Local governments; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2005, the Florida Legislature established the New Starts Transit Program ("NSTP") to assist local governments in developing and constructing fixed-guideway and bus rapid transit projects to accommodate and manage urban growth and development, and



**WHEREAS**, qualifying projects of NSTP include rail transit and bus rapid transit systems, and

**WHEREAS**, all of the major projects identified by the SMART Plan would potentially be eligible for funding under this program; and

**WHEREAS**, under the current funding formula, the state's participation of transit capital projects may not exceed 50% of the nonfederal share of a project, and for individual fixed-guideway projects not approved for federal funding, the maximum state share in 12.5% of total costs of final design, right-of-way acquisition, and construction; and

**WHEREAS**, providing additional funding for the NSTP and increasing the maximum state share for projects not approved for federal funding from 12.5% to 25% would allow the County to use local transportation revenues to leverage additional State of Florida funds; and

**WHEREAS**, by allowing additional State of Florida funds to be leveraged, it will add security to the funding model for the SMART Plan in the event that individual projects are not approved for federal funding and increase the cost feasibility of the plan as a whole; and

**WHEREAS**, the SMART plan is essential to improving a rapidly growing metropolitan area like Miami-Dade County, but NSTP funds are vital to its success, thus Miami-Dade County League of Cities advocates increasing the maximum state share for projects not approved for federal funding from 12.5% to 25%.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, Miami-Dade County League of Cities endorses and supports the expansion of the NSTP to facilitate funding for the SMART plan

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 2nd day of March, 2017.

ATTEST:

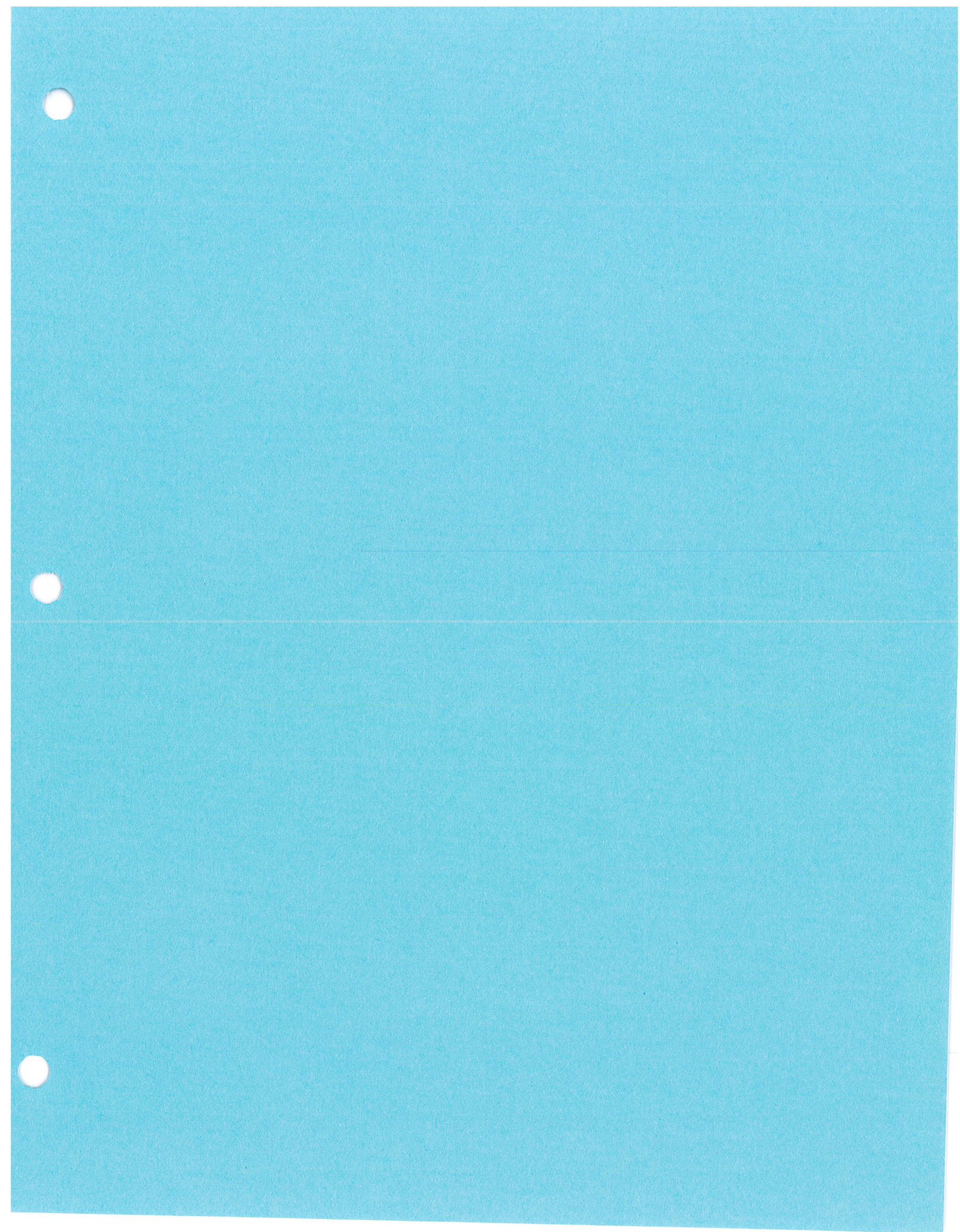
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GEORGE VALLEJO  
SECRETARY

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FRANCIS X. SUAREZ  
PRESIDENT







**RESOLUTION NO. 2017-2**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY LEAGUE OF CITIES URGING ALL MEMBERS OF THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO OPPOSE BILL# PCB PIE 17-03 WHICH WILL REQUIRE MUNICIPAL ELECTED OFFICIALS AND CANDIDATES FOR ELECTED MUNICIPAL OFFICE TO FILE AN ANNUAL FORM-6; DIRECTING THAT THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TRANSMIT A CERTIFIED COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION TO THE FLORIDA LEAGUE OF CITIES, THE PRESIDENT OF THE FLORIDA SENATE, THE SPEAKER OF THE FLORIDA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND ANY OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES.**

**WHEREAS**, Bill# PCB (Proposed Committee Bill) PIE 17-03 will require municipal elected officials and candidates for elected municipal office to file an annual Form-6 which provides full and public disclosure of financial interests as opposed to Form-1; and

**WHEREAS**, the Miami Dade County League of Cities believes the opposition of Bill# PCB PIE 17-03 would be in the best interests of the cities in Miami Dade County; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY LEAGUE OF CITIES, FLORIDA, THAT:**

Section 1. The foregoing "WHEREAS" clauses are hereby ratified and confirmed as being true and correct and are incorporated herein by this reference.

Section 2. The Miami Dade County League of Cities urges all members of the Florida Legislature to oppose the adoption of Bill# PCB PIE 17-03.

Section 3. The Miami Dade County League of Cities further directs the Executive Director to transmit a certified copy of this Resolution to the Florida League of Cities, the President of the Florida Senate, the Speaker of the Florida House of Representatives and any other interested parties.



Section 4. All Resolutions or parts of Resolutions in conflict here with, be and the same are repealed to the extent of such conflict.

Section 5. If any section, sentence, clause or phrase of this Resolution is held to be invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, then said holding shall in no way affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Resolution.

Section 6. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its passage and adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of March, 2017.

ATTEST:

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GEORGE VALLEJO  
SECRETARY

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FRANCIS X. SUAREZ  
PRESIDENT







RESOLUTION NO. 12434

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PLANTATION, FLORIDA URGING ALL MEMBERS OF THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO OPPOSE BILL# PCB PIE 17-03 WHICH WILL REQUIRE MUNICIPAL ELECTED OFFICIALS AND CANDIDATES FOR ELECTED MUNICIPAL OFFICE TO FILE AN ANNUAL FORM-6; DIRECTING CITY ADMINISTRATION TO TRANSMIT A CERTIFIED COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION TO THE BROWARD LEAGUE OF CITIES, THE FLORIDA LEAGUE OF CITIES, THE BROWARD COUNTY LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION, THE PALM BEACH COUNTY LEAGUE OF CITIES, THE MIAMI DADE COUNTY LEAGUE OF CITIES AND ANY OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**WHEREAS**, Bill# PCB (Proposed Committee Bill) PIE 17-03 will require municipal elected officials and candidates for elected municipal office to file an annual Form-6 which provides full and public disclosure of financial interests as opposed to Form-1; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council believes the opposition of Bill# PCB PIE 17-03 would be in the best interests of the residents and businesses of the City of Plantation and the State of Florida.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PLANTATION, FLORIDA, THAT:**

**Section 1.** The foregoing "WHEREAS" clauses are hereby ratified and confirmed as being true and correct and are incorporated herein by this reference.

**Section 2.** The City Council of the City of Plantation urges all members of the Florida Legislature to oppose the adoption of Bill# PCB PIE 17-03.

**Section 3.** The City Council further directs City Administration to transmit a certified copy of this Resolution to the Broward League of Cities, the Florida League of



Cities, the Broward County Legislative Delegation, the Palm Beach County League of Cities, the Miami Dade County League of Cities and any other interested parties.

**Section 4.** All Resolutions or parts of Resolutions in conflict herewith, be and the same are repealed to the extent of such conflict.

**Section 5.** If any section, sentence, clause or phrase of this Resolution is held to be invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, then said holding shall in no way affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Resolution.

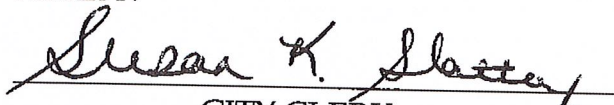
**Section 6.** This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its passage and adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council this 22nd day of February, 2017.

SIGNED by the Mayor this 23rd day of February, 2017.

  
Mayor Diane Veltri Bendekovic

ATTEST:

  
CITY CLERK

REQUESTED BY: \_\_\_\_\_ APPROVED \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_  
DEPT. OK: \_\_\_\_\_  
ADMIN. OK: \_\_\_\_\_  
ATTY. OK: \_\_\_\_\_  
AS TO FORM ONLY

RECORD ENTRY:

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the Original of the foregoing signed Resolution was received by the Office of the City Clerk and entered into the Public Record this 23rd day of February, 2017.

**CERTIFICATION**

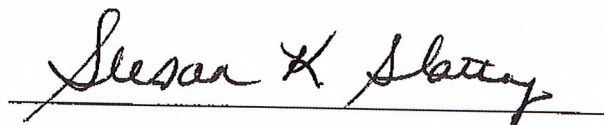
I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS IS A TRUE & CORRECT COPY OF THE ORIGINAL DOCUMENT ON FILE AT CITY HALL.

WITNESS MY HAND AND OFFICIAL SEAL OF

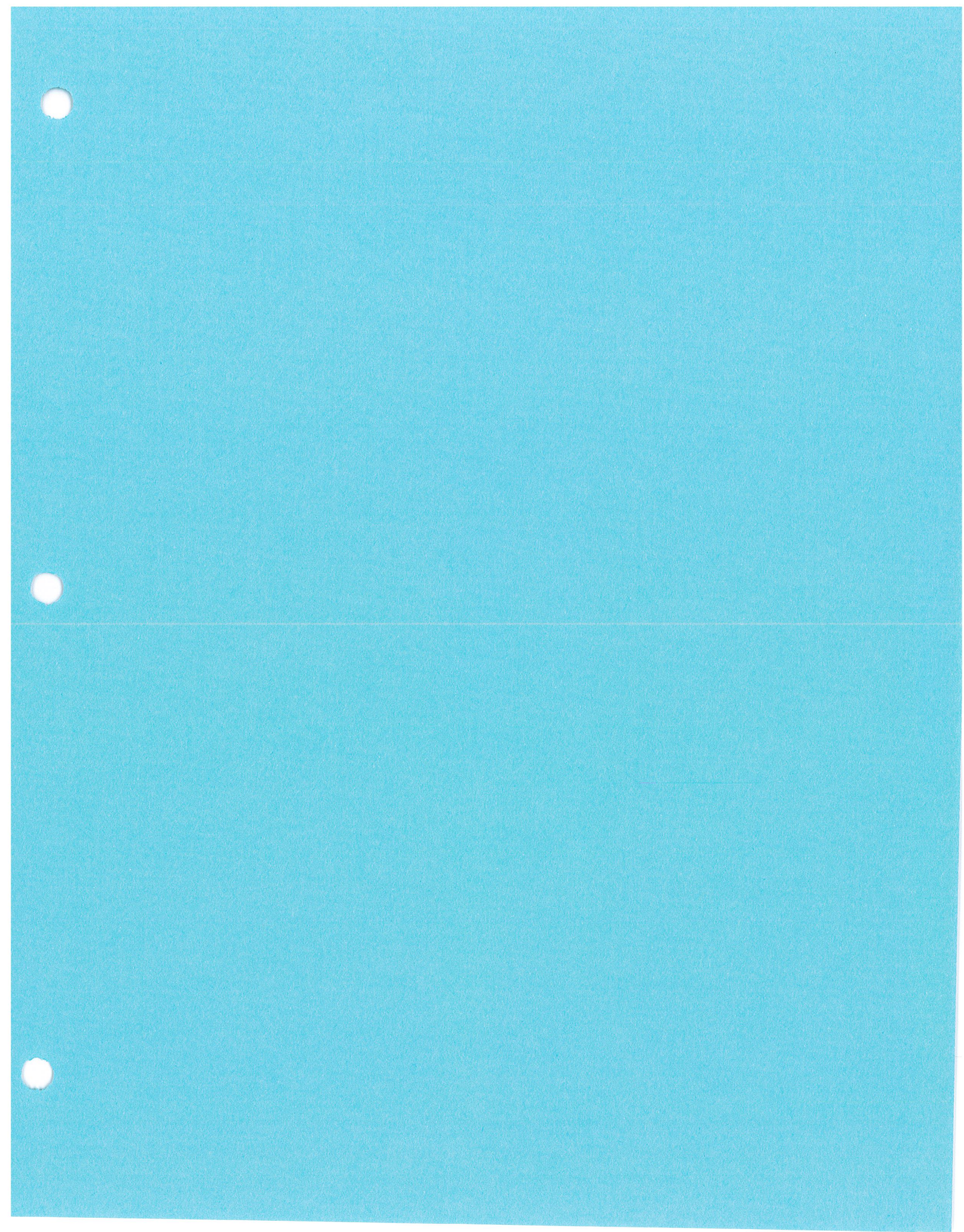
CITY OF MIAMI BEACH THIS 27

OF February 20 17



  
Susan Slattery, City Clerk







By Senator Steube

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1                           A bill to be entitled  
2       An act relating to concealed weapons or firearms;  
3       amending s. 790.06, F.S.; authorizing a concealed  
4       weapons or concealed firearms licensee to carry a  
5       concealed weapon or firearm into any meeting of the  
6       governing body of a county, public school district,  
7       municipality, or special district; providing an  
8       effective date.

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10    Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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12       Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subsection (12) of section  
13    790.06, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

14       790.06 License to carry concealed weapon or firearm.—

15       (12) (a) A license issued under this section does not  
16    authorize any person to openly carry a handgun or carry a  
17    concealed weapon or firearm into:

18       1. Any place of nuisance as defined in s. 823.05;

19       2. Any police, sheriff, or highway patrol station;

20       3. Any detention facility, prison, or jail;

21       4. Any courthouse;

22       5. Any courtroom, except that nothing in this section would  
23    preclude a judge from carrying a concealed weapon or determining  
24    who will carry a concealed weapon in his or her courtroom;

25       6. Any polling place;

26       ~~7. Any meeting of the governing body of a county, public~~  
27    ~~school district, municipality, or special district;~~

28       7.8. Any meeting of the Legislature or a committee thereof;

29       8.9. Any school, college, or professional athletic event  
30    not related to firearms;

31       9.10. Any elementary or secondary school facility or  
32    administration building;



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33        10.11. Any career center;

34        11.12. Any portion of an establishment licensed to dispense  
35 alcoholic beverages for consumption on the premises, which  
36 portion of the establishment is primarily devoted to such  
37 purpose;

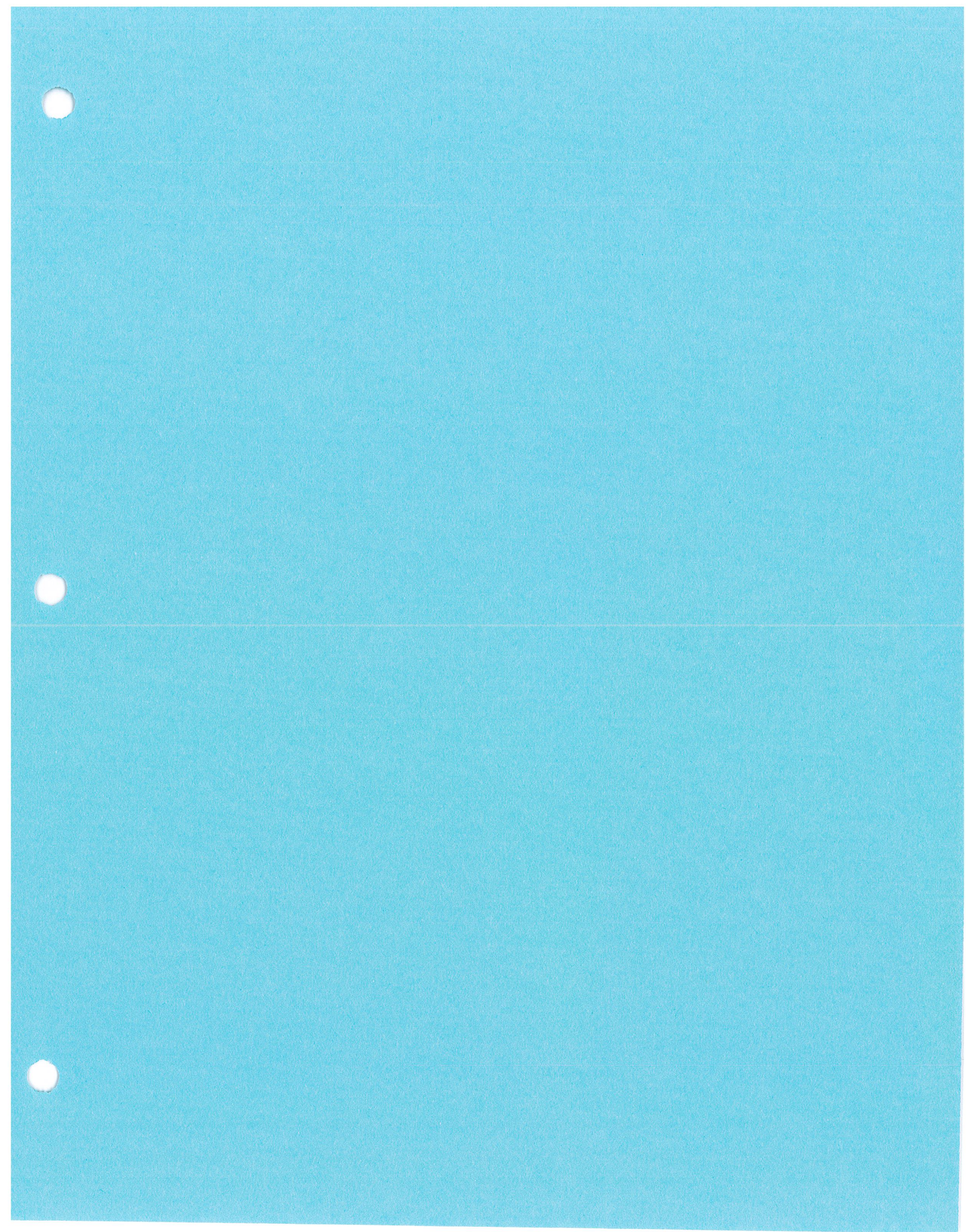
38        12.13. Any college or university facility unless the  
39 licensee is a registered student, employee, or faculty member of  
40 such college or university and the weapon is a stun gun or  
41 nonlethal electric weapon or device designed solely for  
42 defensive purposes and the weapon does not fire a dart or  
43 projectile;

44        13.14. The inside of the passenger terminal and sterile  
45 area of any airport, provided that no person shall be prohibited  
46 from carrying any legal firearm into the terminal, which firearm  
47 is encased for shipment for purposes of checking such firearm as  
48 baggage to be lawfully transported on any aircraft; or

49        14.15. Any place where the carrying of firearms is  
50 prohibited by federal law.

51        Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2017.









**Big Brothers Big Sisters**  
of Miami



## BECOME A SCHOOL TO WORK MENTOR!

By partnering with Big Brothers Big Sisters of Miami's School to Work Program, **Miami's business community can help create a career pathway for our youth.**

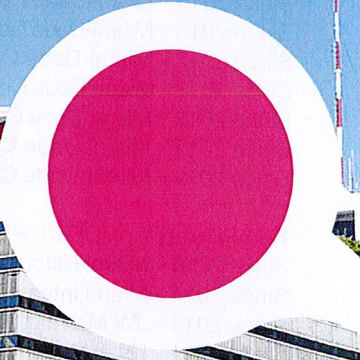
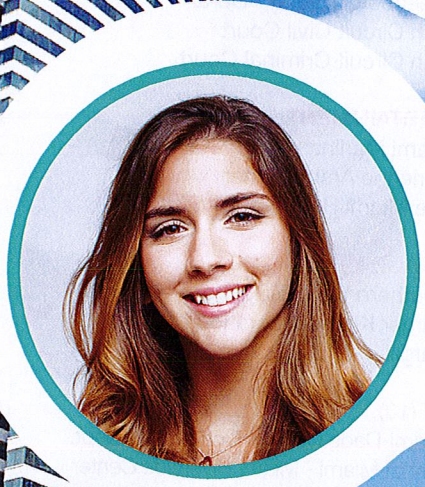
## GET INVOLVED TODAY AND MAKE A WORLD OF DIFFERENCE IN A STUDENT'S LIFE TOMORROW

### HOW THE PROGRAM WORKS

- Students are matched with volunteer mentors from your municipality.
- Students shadow their mentors **in the workplace** once a month for four hours, during the school year.
- BBBS staff provides support & guidance

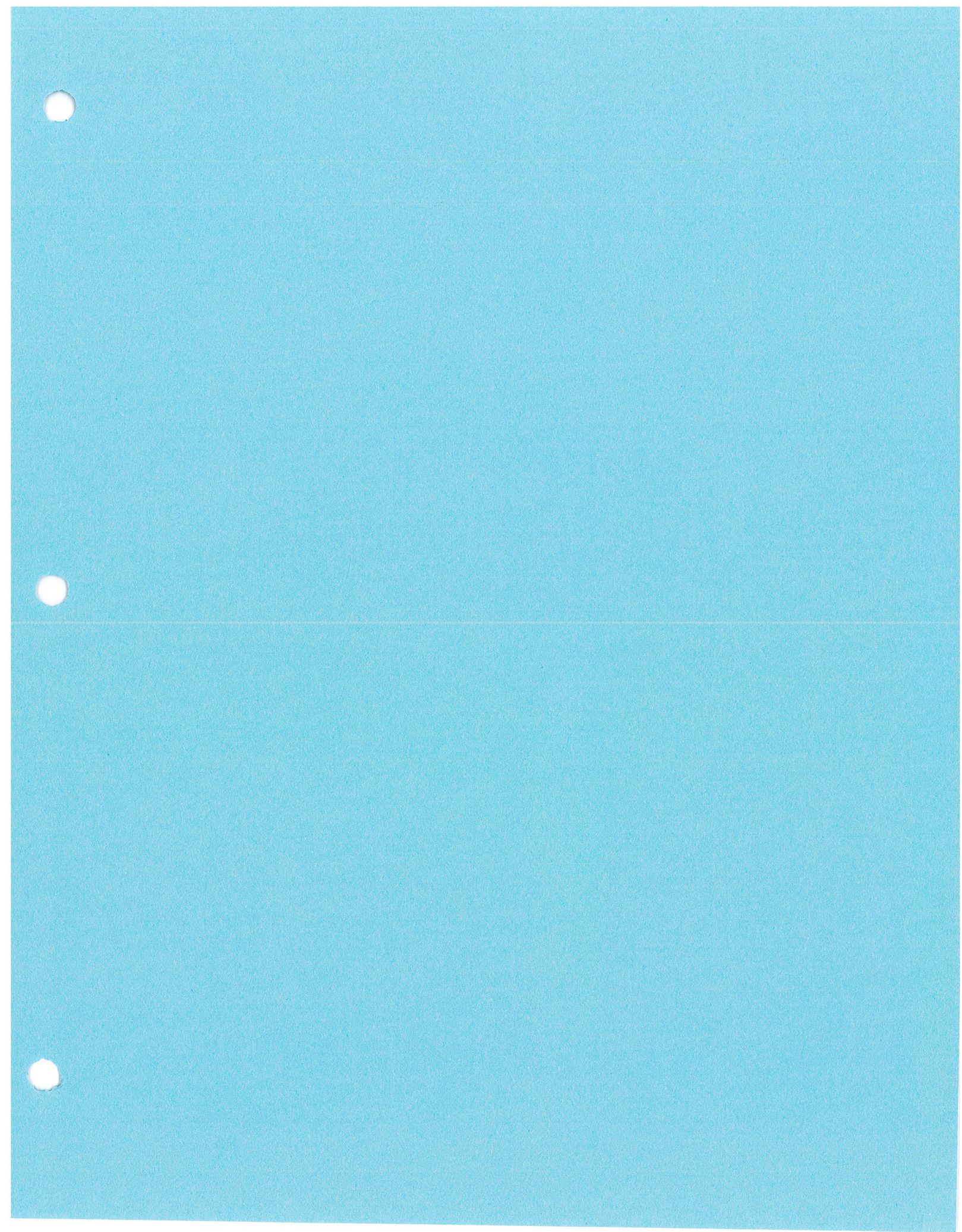
### HOW TO GET INVOLVED CONTACT US

550 NW 42nd Avenue  
Miami FL 33126  
Office of The President  
Ph: 305-644-7072  
[lrey@bbbsmiami.org](mailto:lrey@bbbsmiami.org)  
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## Draft Proclamation

### In Recognition of National Foster Care Month 2017

- WHEREAS the Children's Bureau, within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, funds the National Foster Care Month initiative each May through a partnership with Child Welfare Information Gateway, and
- WHEREAS the [CITY/VILLAGE/COUNTY] of [INSERT NAME OF MUNICIPALITY] is committed to raising awareness of the needs of children, youth and young adults in foster care and to promoting community-driven solutions to the obstacles abused and neglected children commonly face; and
- WHEREAS between 2013-15, Florida saw a 24% rise in the number of children entering the foster care system, placing it among the five states nationwide with the largest increases during that timeframe, and in 2015-16, approximately 3,000 Miami-Dade young people were under the jurisdiction of the county's dependency (child abuse and neglect) court; and
- WHEREAS the longer children spend in foster care, the more likely it is they will suffer poor outcomes later in life – unplanned pregnancies, low educational achievement, unemployment and low wages, serious untreated health conditions, and involvement in the criminal justice system; and
- WHEREAS studies from various regions nationwide estimate that between 11 and 37% of youth who age out of foster care experience homelessness, and a 2012 Florida study indicated an incredible 28% of 1,821 young adults ages 18 to 22 experienced homelessness upon aging out; and
- WHEREAS the Florida Legislature created the Citizen Review Panel Program in 1989 to provide citizen oversight of children in foster care, in order to serve as a safety net to prevent children from falling through the cracks of an overwhelmed system and to assist the court with statutorily required six-month case reviews of children involved with dependency court; Foster Care Review, Inc. (d/b/a Florida Foster Care Review) was incorporated in 1989 to administer the Citizen Review Panels in Miami-Dade County; and
- WHEREAS across nearly three decades, in partnership with 350+ volunteers who have dedicated tens of thousands of hours of volunteer service, Florida Foster Care Review has helped ensure the safety, well-being and long-term success of more than 10,000 children, youth and young adults; and
- WHEREAS Florida Foster Care Review continues to innovate new programs, initiatives and collaborations to address the challenges facing children, youth and young adults in foster care, including implementation of the Permanency Roundtable Program to link youth at risk of aging out with forever families and supportive, lifelong adult connections





Since 1998, **FLORIDA FOSTER CARE REVIEW** has advanced the safety, stability and success of abused and neglected children by connecting them to essential services, supportive relationships and forever families. Through our **CITIZEN REVIEW PANEL PROGRAM**, panels of trained volunteers conduct thorough review hearings of children referred by the court. After interviewing all parties and evaluating documentation, the panels recommend specific action to address children's physical, educational, emotional and familial needs. Once approved by the court, these recommendations become enforceable court orders. Children's cases are reviewed by a panel every 5-6 months to determine compliance with the orders and to address new issues. Our **PERMANENCY ROUNDTABLE PROGRAM**, launched in July 2014, brings together volunteers, child welfare professionals and community experts on behalf of youth languishing in foster care. Each roundtable team collaboratively identifies and cultivates healthy, supportive adult relationships for youth, focused on creating legally permanent families or lifelong, permanent adult connections for each youth served.

### CITIZEN REVIEW PANEL PROGRAM

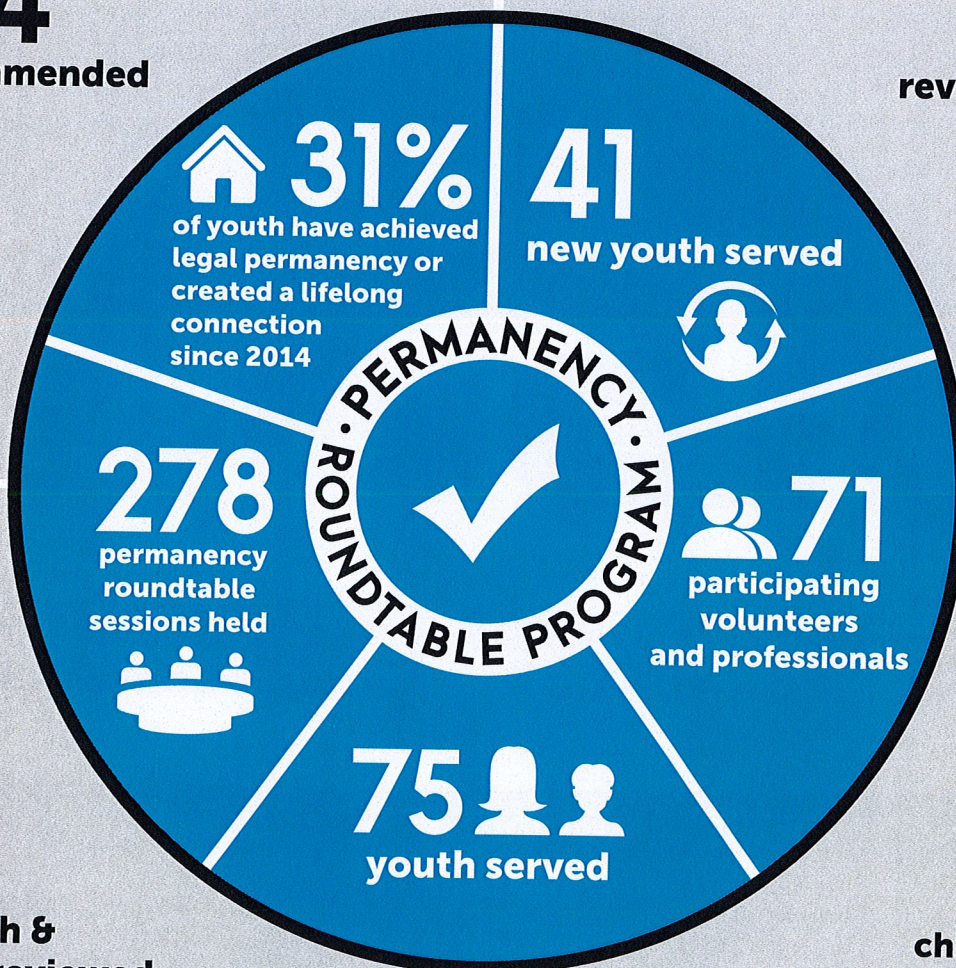
# 3604

orders recommended



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reviews facilitated



# 534

children, youth & young adults reviewed



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children received post-review advocacy

### VOLUNTEER SERVICE

# 66

Volunteers



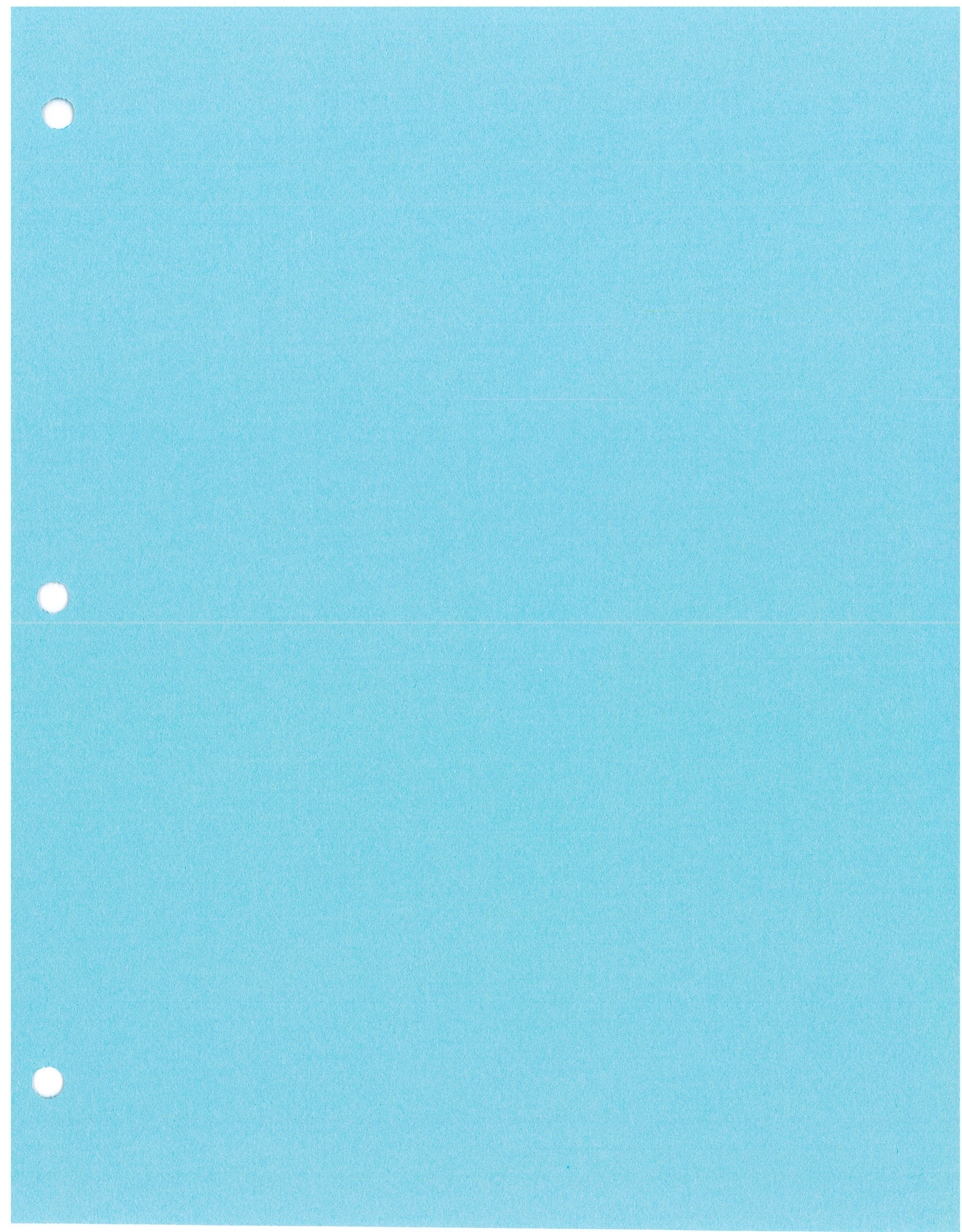
# 3,590

Volunteer Hours



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**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, OPPOSING ANY RELIGIOUS-BASED OR NATIONALITY-BASED REGISTRATION OF PERSONS ENTERING THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.**

**WHEREAS**, President-Elect Donald Trump has expressed that he is in favor of the strict immigration screening of Muslims; and

**WHEREAS**, some supporters of President-Elect Donald Trump are calling for the registration of all Muslims entering the United States of America; and

**WHEREAS**, Donald Trump supporter, Carl Higbie, defended the proposed registry of immigrants from Muslim countries by citing the WWII internment of over 110,000 Japanese-Americans as legal precedent; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1943, President Franklin Delano Roosevelt stated, "Americanism is a matter of the mind and heart; Americanism is not, and never was, a matter of race or ancestry"; and

**WHEREAS**, President Roosevelt's statement was in response to the patriotism of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team which grew to approximately 14,000 Americans of Japanese ancestry, and which became the most decorated military unit for its size and length of service in the history of American warfare. The "Go For Broke" 442nd Regimental Combat Team and its 100th Infantry Battalion (the "One Puka Puka") accumulated the following reported achievements: 8 Major Campaigns in Europe, 8 Presidential Unit Citations, 9,486 Casualties (Purple Hearts), 18,143 individual decorations including: 21 Congressional Medals of Honor, 52 Distinguished Service Crosses, 1 Distinguished Presidential Unit Citation, 1 Distinguished Service Medal, 560 Silver Stars, and 28 with Oak Leaf Clusters (in lieu of a second), 22 Legion of Merit Medals, 4,000 Bronze Stars and 1,200 with Oak Leaf Clusters (in lieu of a second), 12 French Croix de Guerre with 2 Palms (representing second awards), 15 Soldiers' Medals, 2 Italian Crosses for Military Merit, and 2 Italian Medals for Military Valor; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1988, President Ronald Reagan signed into law the Civil Liberties Act, which apologized for the internment on behalf of the United States Government and stated that government actions were based on "race prejudice, war hysteria and a failure of political leadership." The United States Government eventually disbursed approximately 1.6 billion dollars in reparations to 82,219 formerly interned Japanese Americans and their heirs; and

**WHEREAS**, the following entry was reported to have been found in the personal diary of King Christian X of Denmark following World War II:

When you look at the inhumane treatment of Jews, not only in Germany but occupied countries as well, you start worrying that such a demand might also be put on us, but we must clearly refuse such this due to their protection under the Danish constitution. I stated that I could not meet such a demand towards Danish



citizens. If such a demand is made, we would best meet it by all wearing the Star of David; and

**WHEREAS**, after a successful nationwide collective resistance of Danish citizens, clergy, and governmental officials to save Danish Jews from planned Nazi deportation, an excerpt from the Danish King's diary and a Swedish cartoon are purported to have given rise to the myth that the Danish King said that all Danish citizens would wear the yellow star if the Nazis required Danish Jews to wear it. A Swedish cartoon of that era depicted Denmark's former prime minister asking Danish King Christian X what he would do if the present Nazi-approved prime minister made all the Jews wear yellow stars, and in the cartoon the King responds, "We will all have to wear yellow stars"; and

**WHEREAS**, American history is replete with examples of members of one ethnic group fighting for the liberties of other ethnic groups, such as: the Quaker opposition to the Mexican-American War, Quaker participation in the Underground Railroad, American Catholic and Jewish participation in struggles during the Civil Rights Era, and most recently the host of "The Daily Show," Trevor Noah, has suggested that all Americans should sign up on any registry required of Muslims.


**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT DULY RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA AS FOLLOWS:**

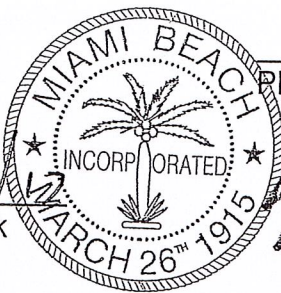
**Section 1.** The Mayor and Commission of the City of Miami Beach hereby oppose any religious-based or nationality-based registration of persons entering the United States, and urge all Americans to sign up on any registry required of persons based on religious affiliation or nationality, should such registration be required.

**Section 2.** The City Clerk is hereby directed to send a copy of this Resolution to all elected officials throughout Florida.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this 11 day of January, 2017.

ATTEST:

  
Rafael E. Granado, City Clerk



  
Philip Levine, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO  
FORM & LANGUAGE  
& FOR EXECUTION

  
City Attorney

1/6/17  
Date



**RESOLUTION NO. 029-17-14830**

**A Resolution of the City of South Miami, Florida, supporting efforts in the Florida Legislature to purchase 60,000 acres of land south of Lake Okeechobee in the Everglades Agricultural Area to initiate project planning for water storage and treatment as outlines in the Comprehensive Everglades and Restoration Plan to send clean water to Everglades National Park and the Florida Keys and alleviate harmful water discharges to the St. Lucie and Caloosahatchee estuaries**

**WHEREAS**, Florida is home to America's Everglades, which is a world renowned and globally unique ecosystem, International Biosphere Reserve, World Heritage Site, and RAMSAR Wetland of International Importance; and

**WHEREAS**, one-third of all Floridians, nearly eight million people, depend on aquifer water recharged by the Everglades for their daily water supply for their homes and businesses; and

**WHEREAS**, over the past century, development, population growth, excessive drainage of wetlands, and alterations in water quality and flow have diverted the "River of Grass" that once flowed to the Southern Everglades, leaving Everglades National Park and Florida Bay starved for clean, freshwater; and

**WHEREAS**, when Lake Okeechobee levels becomes too high, and without a safe outlet to flow the water south, polluted water is discharged to the St. Lucie and Caloosahatchee Rivers, causing detrimental impacts to the ecology and economy of these estuary communities; and

**WHEREAS**, ecological and human health conditions associated with Lake Okeechobee discharges—including algae blooms, fish kills, human respiratory impacts—resulted in Governor Scott declaring a state of emergency in four Florida counties that lasted 242 days through 2016.

**WHEREAS**, the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan (CERP) was authorized by the United States Congress in 2000 to improve the quantity, quality, timing, and distribution of water flow throughout the Greater Everglades ecosystem and to restore some of the natural habitat that has been lost to development; and

**WHEREAS**, CERP includes creation of a 360,000 acre-feet EAA Storage Reservoir as a means of providing storage south of Lake Okeechobee to help clean excess lake water and bring more of it south into the parched Everglades where it is desperately needed, instead of being discharged, untreated, into the St. Lucie and Caloosahatchee Rivers; and

**WHEREAS**, the Integrated Delivery Schedule (IDS), which provides a timeline for the implementation of CERP projects, has EAA Reservoir planning beginning in 2021; and



**WHEREAS**, in the face of Florida's ongoing water crisis, Senate President Joe Negron has developed a plan to acquire land and expedite project planning to deliver desperately needed freshwater to Everglades National Park and bring relief to the coastal estuaries; and

**WHEREAS**, Senate Bill 10 (introduced by Senator Rob Bradley) and House Bill 761 (introduced by Representative Thad Altman) outlines a plan to use Legacy Florida funds already dedicated to Everglades restoration to purchase 60,000 acres of land from willing sellers in the EAA and expedite planning of the CERP EAA Reservoir project.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF SOUTH MIAMI, FLORIDA, THAT:**

**Section 1.** The above recitals are true and correct and are incorporated herein by reference.

**Section 2.** The City Commission hereby supports Senate Bill 10 and House Bill 761 in the Florida Legislature in 2017 for the acquisition of land south of Lake Okeechobee in the Everglades Agricultural Area to achieve the CERP project purposes of storage, treatment, and conveyance of freshwater south to Everglades National Park and Florida Bay and relieving harmful discharges to the St. Lucie and Caloosahatchee Rivers.

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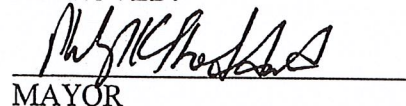
**Section 4.** This resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 21<sup>st</sup> day of February, 2017.

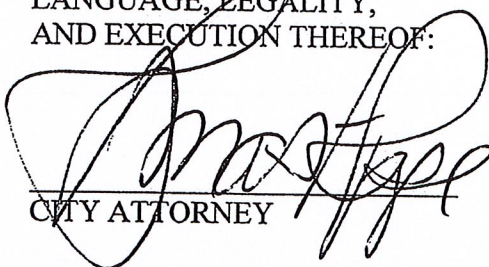
ATTEST:

  
CITY CLERK

APPROVED:

  
MAYOR

READ AND APPROVED AS TO FORM,  
LANGUAGE, LEGALITY,  
AND EXECUTION THEREOF:

  
CITY ATTORNEY

COMMISSION VOTE	5-0
Mayor Stoddard:	Yea
Vice Mayor Welsh:	Yea
Commissioner Edmond:	Yea
Commissioner Harris:	Yea
Commissioner Liebman:	Yea