

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-1

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
MIAMI-DADE COUNTY LEAGUE OF CITIES, INC.,
SUPPORTING THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD'S
LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM.**

WHEREAS, the Florida Constitution provides that the education of children is a fundamental value of the people of Florida and a paramount duty of the state; and

WHEREAS, the Constitution creates a clear mandate for a uniform and high quality education system and for the State to make adequate provision for this purpose; and

WHEREAS, the School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, has experienced significant budget reductions of nearly \$300 Million; and

WHEREAS, Florida employers consistently rank improving education and workforce development as top concerns to the success of their business, and a highly qualified, trained workforce as critical to strengthening our business climate; and

WHEREAS, the education system needs to respond to the workforce needs of Florida's employers, including programs that expand career academies in high schools, align career education with industry standards and workforce demands, and expand options for students to continue their education and enter the workforce; and

WHEREAS, the Pre-K-20 education system is the foundation for Florida's future, providing the talent base for economic diversification and an economic engine for the knowledge economy, and Florida should continue to move its education system at all levels (Pre-K-20) into the top quartile in education quality, student rankings and graduation rates based on national standards; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Miami-Dade County League of Cities believes that funding a high-quality education system is an investment in our state's and our community's ability to compete nationally and globally in the marketplace; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Miami-Dade County League of Cities believes that adequate funding is needed to achieve a high-quality education system measured by gains in student achievement.

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Miami-Dade County League of Cities, Inc.:

Section 1. The Board of Directors of the Miami-Dade County League of Cities supports Miami-Dade County Public Schools' legislative initiative and requests that the Florida Legislature:

- Fulfill its commitment to hold school district operational and capital funding harmless from the impact of property tax reform and budget shortfalls by funding the student enrollment at minimally 2008-2009 levels of \$6,968.29;
- Restore the local Discretionary Capital Outlay levy to 2-mills; and
- Oppose legislation that reduces the number of in-service hours required of teachers providing instruction to English Language Learners.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of the Miami-Dade County League of Cities, Inc. at regular meeting assembled this 5th day of March, 2009.

ATTEST:



HORACE FELIU
Secretary



SHIRLEY GIBSON
President

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-2

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY LEAGUE OF CITIES, INC., ENCOURAGING THE GOVERNOR AND STATE LEGISLATURE TO REVIEW AND ELEVATE STATUS OF PUBLIC EDUCATION TEACHERS.

WHEREAS, Florida's public schools are the cornerstone of our state's democracy, as well as a critical component of our economic vitality; and

WHEREAS, Florida's public school employees are an essential ingredient in ensuring that our schools are successful by educating and mentoring into citizenship the overwhelming majority of our state's children; and

WHEREAS, as a result of a change in the State's formula governing school district funds, it has had an adverse impact on teachers' salaries; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Miami-Dade County League of Cities urges the Governor and Florida Legislature to recognize the dedication of all public school employees and to assure them that their well-being is among our highest priorities; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Miami-Dade County League of Cities encourages the Governor and State legislature to establish a legislative goal for increasing the beginning and median salary levels for Florida public school teachers, as well as other categories of public school employees.

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Miami-Dade County League of Cities, Inc.:

Section 1. The foregoing is true and correct.

Section 2. The Board of Directors of the Miami-Dade County League of Cities requests the Governor and the Florida Legislature to take action during the 2009 session to provide additional funds to increase significantly the compensation and professional status of Florida's teachers so as to be more competitive in attracting and retaining quality teachers.

Section 3. The Board of Directors of the Miami-Dade County League of Cities requests the Florida Legislature to create an independent line-item budget/ funding to address teacher salaries with no negative impact on pre-existing programs.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of the Miami-Dade County League of Cities, Inc. at regular meeting assembled this 5th day of March, 2009.

ATTEST:


HORACE FELIU
Secretary


SHIRLEY GIBSON
President

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-4

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY LEAGUE OF CITIES, INC., PROMOTING AMERICAN WITH DISABILITIES ACT (“ADA”) AWARENESS; ENDORSING RELEVANT AND EFFECTIVE CRITERIA FOR RENEWAL OF ADA PARKING PERMITS, AND SUPPORTING STRICT SCRUTINY AND MONITORING OF HANDICAP ACCESSIBILITY PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION; DECLARING THE THIRD WEEK OF JULY ADA AWARENESS WEEK.

WHEREAS, the rights of handicapped and disabled persons to participate fully in the full range of activities enjoyed by other citizens is a priority for all citizens of Metropolitan Dade County; and

WHEREAS, as a nation, we must maintain vigilance in upgrading and enforcing programs designed to eliminate barriers and enhance mobility for handicapped citizens; and

WHEREAS, in order to prevent abuse and ensure that handicapped parking areas are available for those who need them, the state has tightened criteria for the renewal of ADA parking permits.

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Miami-Dade County League of Cities, Inc.

Section 1. The foregoing recitals are true and correct.

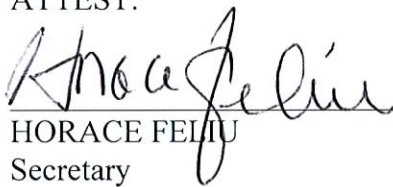
Section 2. The Board of Directors of the Miami-Dade County League of Cities and its membership hereby endorse the enhanced statutory criteria for the issuance and renewal of ADA parking permits pursuant to Section 320.0848, Florida Statutes.

Section 3. The Board of Directors of the Miami-Dade County League of Cities hereby urges all government entities with the responsibility to implement and enforce handicapped parking programs to strictly adhere to all program guidelines and requirements.

Section 4. The Board of Directors of the Miami-Dade County League of Cities hereby declares the third week of July, 2009, as the first annual ADA Awareness Week, and urges all other local municipal and county governments to join forces with our community in promoting this effort to educate and sensitize our citizenry.

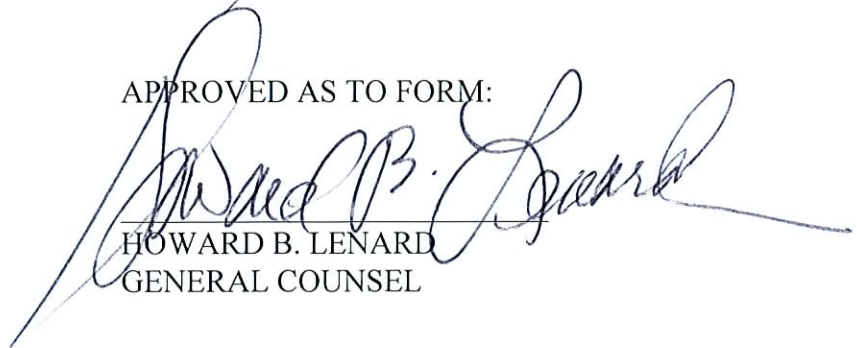
APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of the Miami-Dade County League of Cities, Inc. at regular meeting assembled this 4th day of June, 2009.

ATTEST:


HORACE FELIO
Secretary


SHIRLEY GIBSON
PRESIDENT

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


HOWARD B. LENARD
GENERAL COUNSEL

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-5

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY LEAGUE OF CITIES, INC. SUPPORTING THE CANDIDACY OF MAYOR MANUEL MARONO OF THE CITY OF SWEETWATER FOR THE OFFICE OF SECOND VICE PRESIDENT OF THE FLORIDA LEAGUE OF CITIES, INC.

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Miami-Dade County League of Cities, Inc. recognizes Mayor Manuel Marono's contribution to local government as an elected official serving the City of Sweetwater, Florida, as its mayor; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Manuel Marono is a Board member of the Florida League of Cities Inc., and has served on numerous civic and governmental committees; and

WHEREAS, he has served as the past President of the Miami-Dade County League of Cities, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Manuel Marono is an outstanding public official known for his innovation, professionalism and dedication to his city, his constituents, and the organizations he leads; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Manuel Marono has announced that he is a candidate for the office of Second Vice President of the Florida League of Cities and the members of the Miami-Dade County League of Cities strongly support his candidacy.

NOW, THEREFORE,


BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Miami-Dade County League of Cities, Inc. that:

Section 1. The Miami-Dade County League of Cities strongly endorses the candidacy of Mayor Manuel "Manny" Marono for the office of Second Vice President of the Florida League of Cities.

Section 2. This Resolution be delivered to the members of the Florida League of Cities' Nominating Committee, to the members of The Florida League of Cities Board of Directors, to the regional and local League contacts and to such other persons who may have an interest in this matter.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of the Miami-Dade County League of Cities, Inc. at regular meeting assembled this **4th day of June, 2009.**

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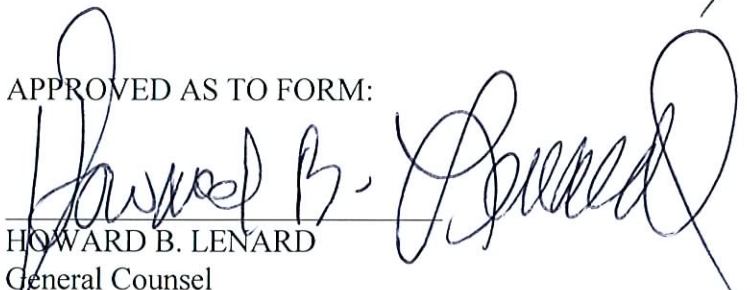


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