

**RESOLUTION NO. 2013-6**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY LEAGUE OF CITIES, INC. SUPPORTING SUBSTITUTING THE TERMS “MENTAL RETARDATION” AND “RETARDATION” FOR THE TERM “INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY” AND SUBSTITUTING THE TERM “MENTALLY RETARDED” FOR THE TERM “PERSONS WITH INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES”.**

**WHEREAS**, the phrases “mentally retarded”, “mental retardation” and “retardation” are outdated and are often perceived as derogatory and offensive terms; and

**WHEREAS**, the continued use of such terms in government and common speech negatively affects the residents of Miami-Dade County; and

**WHEREAS**, the term “intellectual disability” and “persons with intellectual disabilities” are more appropriate, and foster sensitivity and understanding for all residents of Miami-Dade County; and

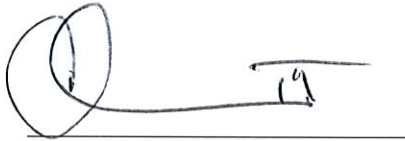
**WHEREAS**, persons with intellectual disabilities are important and productive members of our society,

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY** Miami-Dade County League Of Cities, Inc.

**Section 1.** The Board of Directors of the Miami-Dade County League of Cities, Inc. urges all municipalities to adopt substituting the terms “mental retardation” and “retardation” for the term “intellectual disability” and substituting the term “mentally retarded” for the term “persons with intellectual disabilities”.

**APPROVED AND ADOPTED** by the Board of Directors of the Miami-Dade County League of Cities, Inc. at a regular meeting assembled this 7 day of November, 2013.

ATTEST:

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OLIVER GILBERT, III  
SECRETARY

Handwritten signature of Deede Weithorn, consisting of the name 'Deede Weithorn' written in a cursive script above a horizontal line.

DEEDE WEITHORN  
PRESIDENT