

PROCLAMATION

The School Board Of Miami-Dade County, Florida

WHEREAS, the Heiken Children's Vision Program was created in 1992 by the Dade County Optometric Association in response to the realization that every year thousands of children in Miami-Dade County failed school vision screenings and never received comprehensive eye examinations or glasses; and

WHEREAS, The Miami Lighthouse for the Blind is ranked among the nation's top 18% most efficient non-profit organizations; and

WHEREAS, in 2007 the Heiken Children's Vision Program merged with The Miami Lighthouse for the Blind to enhance the program infrastructure and build capacity for services; and

WHEREAS, the Miami-Dade County Public Schools Division of Student Services, Comprehensive Health Services has joined forces with the Miami Lighthouse Heiken Children's Vision Program to develop a system to track referrals of failed screenings and assure follow-up referral resources; and

WHEREAS, the "Instant Vision Program" (IVP) utilizes three, fully equipped mobile "optometric office" eye care units to travel to schools and provide comprehensive eye health and vision examinations; and

WHEREAS, through this initiative, approximately 40,000 students have received comprehensive eye examinations and necessary prescription glasses, free-of-charge; and

WHEREAS, the objective is to provide comprehensive eye health services, including vision examinations, eyeglasses, and vision training for students, meeting the goal for vision established in Health People 2010;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 10-033 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing The Miami Lighthouse Heiken Children's Vision Program for distinguished services.

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

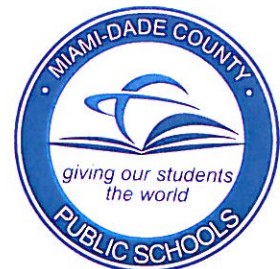
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