

# 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.

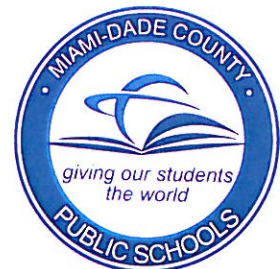
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Superintendent of Schools



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