

Ms. Susie V. Castillo, Board Member

**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 17-048
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY,
FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING ALPHA XI DELTA FRATERNITY'S
THETA XI CHAPTER**

**COMMITTEE: INNOVATION, GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS AND
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

**LINK TO STRATEGIC
BLUEPRINT: INFORMED, ENGAGED AND EMPOWERED
STAKEHOLDERS**

Founded in 1893 at Lombard College in Galesburg, Illinois, Alpha Xi Delta is one of the oldest women's fraternal organizations in the United States. Committed to the personal growth of women, Alpha Xi Delta has inspired women throughout the country to realize their potential through their ideals of sisterhood, leadership, knowledge and service to their communities.

In 2009, Alpha Xi Delta partnered with Autism Speaks as their philanthropic counterpart. Since then, the fraternity has grown to be an integral part of the organization becoming the official sponsors of Autism Speaks Walks across the nation as well as continuously raising funds for the organization through their "AmaXing Challenge" events. Autism Speaks is dedicated to increasing awareness of autism spectrum disorders, to funding research into the causes, to the prevention and treatments for autism, and to advocating for the needs of individuals with autism and their families. To this day, Alpha Xi Delta has raised over \$5,000,000 for Autism Speaks.

The Theta Xi Chapter of Alpha Xi Delta at Florida International University was founded on February 20, 1993 with the purpose of creating a union of women in our community that would highlight the importance of grace, intelligence, and well roundness.

Members of the Theta Xi Chapter have volunteered in countless community events hosted by Autism Speaks such as the Miami Walk for Autism and the Puzzle Pieces of Our Community Gala since 2009. They have also themselves hosted various events throughout the year benefitting Autism Speaks including their Football FrenXi Tournament, their XiBA Basketball Tournament and their annual Autism Awareness Week which features an assortment of events throughout the university. Last year, the Theta Xi Chapter raised over \$16,000 for Autism Speaks.

Miami-Dade County Public Schools recognizes April 2017 as Autism Awareness Month. In doing so, we acknowledge the importance of increased awareness and support for the 4,362 students in our district that have been diagnosed on the Autism Spectrum as well as the importance of those organizations in our community that collaborate with us in our efforts.

Alpha Xi Delta Fraternity's Theta Xi Chapter is to be commended for their tireless support towards Autism Speaks and to the students and families in our community impacted by Autism Spectrum Disorders.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY
SUSIE V. CASTILLO:**

That the School Board of Miami-Dade County Florida, approve Resolution No. 17-048 recognizing Alpha Xi Delta Fraternity's Theta Xi Chapter.

**RESOLUTION NO. 17-048
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
RECOGNIZING ALPHA XI DELTA FRATERNITY'S THETA XI CHAPTER**

WHEREAS, Alpha Xi Delta was founded in 1983 at Lombard College in Galesburg, Illinois as one of the oldest women's fraternal organizations in the United States. It inspires women throughout the nation to realize their potential through their ideals of sisterhood, leadership, knowledge, and service to their communities; and

WHEREAS, in 2009, Alpha Xi Delta partnered with Autism Speaks as their philanthropic counterpart. The fraternity has grown to be an integral part of the organization becoming the official sponsors of their Autism Speaks Walks across the nation as well as continuously raising funds for the organization through various community events; and

WHEREAS, the Theta Xi Chapter of Alpha Xi Delta at Florida International University was founded on February 20, 1993 with the purpose of creating a union of women in our community that would highlight the importance of grace, intelligence, and well roundness; and

WHEREAS, members of the Theta Xi Chapter have volunteered in countless community events hosted by Autism Speaks such as the Miami Walk for Autism and hosted many events themselves throughout the year benefitting Autism Speaks. Last year, the Theta Xi Chapter raised over \$16,000 for Autism Speaks; and

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County Public Schools recognizes April 2017 as Autism Awareness Month acknowledging the importance of increased awareness and support for the students in our district that have been diagnosed on the Autism Spectrum; and

WHEREAS, Alpha Xi Delta Fraternity's Theta Xi Chapter is to be commended for its tireless support towards Autism Speaks and to the students and families in our community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 17-048 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Alpha Xi Delta Fraternity's Theta Xi Chapter.

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

Presented this fifth day of April, A.D. 2017

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary