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TITLE

RESOLUTION OPPOSING VIOLENCE DIRECTED AT CHILDREN

BODY

WHEREAS, all children need love, guidance and deserve to grow up in an environment free from violence and physical harm. Positive, non-violent, peaceful forms of discipline teach children to think beyond the immediate and give them a blueprint for future reference; and

WHEREAS, children are influenced by the model for behavior set by adults in their environment. When adults resort to violence, children are likely to learn this behavior is acceptable and imitate it with their peers; and

WHEREAS, childhood is a unique and critical stage of life. All children share the same basic needs for safety, health, love and dignity. Peaceful, communicative parenting supports a child's development; and

WHEREAS, current research shows that exposure to violence negatively impacts upon normal brain development and learning for all children; and

WHEREAS, violent behavior learned in the home and school environment is reflected in the behaviors of people throughout our communities, cities and societies at large. As a result of this violence, children and families are hurting, education systems and learning has been hindered, and prisons are overflowing with youth,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that:

Section 1. This Board supports a proclamation that encourages non-violent discipline in the effort to reduce violence towards all but especially within the family and as directed towards children.

Section 2. This Board, on behalf of the children of Miami-Dade County, help establish ties between our schools and community through the promotion of mental health and family counseling programs to support families experiencing stress.

Section 3. This resolution shall serve as notice that Miami-Dade County has been and shall remain vigilant in guarding the best interests of the children of Miami-Dade County in all matters to the extent legally and feasibly possible.

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