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RESOLUTION NO. 2014-23

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF PALMETTO BAY, FLORIDA, OPPOSING LEGISLATION INCREASING THE NUMBER AND CAPACITY OF CHARTER SCHOOLS; FURTHER OPPOSING THE EXPANSION OF CORPORATE TAX CREDIT VOUCHERS; PROVIDING FOR DISTRIBUTION BY THE VILLAGE CLERK; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTING RESOLUTIONS; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (Sponsored by Mayor Shelley Stanczyk.)

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Village Council desire to establish their legislative agenda items and to express their concerns as to State legislative items; and,

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Village Council oppose the privatization of public schools through the continued expansion of charter schools, as well as the expansion of the private school voucher program funded under the State Tax Credit program; and

WHEREAS, the proposal to expand the voucher program with earned dollar-for-dollar sales tax credits in exchange for contributions to the scholarship program will have unknown impacts on the potential revenue collected by the state and shared with local municipalities; and,

WHEREAS, the drive to expand "school choice" via charter schools continues. Moving students and funding from traditional public schools to charter schools has a negative impact on the school district and public employees; and,

WHEREAS, the Village of Palmetto Bay further advocates for traditional public schools and public employees by opposing proposals to increase the number and capacity of charter schools, as follows:

- Limit the expansion of charter schools;
- Limit increased funding for charter schools (especially construction dollars taken from school districts);
- Oppose any new method to convert current traditional public schools to charter school via a "Parent Trigger"; and
- Oppose expansion of Corporate Tax Credit Vouchers.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF PALMETTO BAY, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The foregoing "Whereas" clauses are hereby ratified as true and correct and are incorporated herein by this reference.

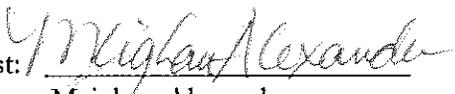
Section 2. The Village Clerk shall provide executed copies of this resolution to the Village's lobbyist, and to the Florida Legislature, the Mayor of Miami-Dade County, each member of

1 the Miami-Dade Board of County Commissioners, as well as each municipal clerk in Miami-Dade
2 County for the purpose of distributing copies to members of their respective governing councils.

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4 Section 3. This resolution shall be effective immediately upon its adoption.

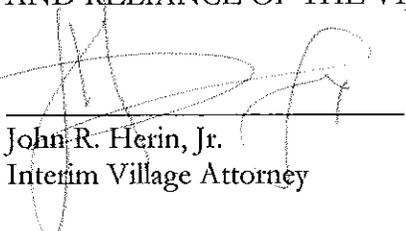
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6 PASSED and ADOPTED this 3rd day of March, 2014.

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8 Attest:

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10 Meighan Alexander
11 Village Clerk

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13 Shelley Stanczyk
14 Mayor

15 APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY FOR THE USE
16 AND RELIANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF PALMETTO BAY, FLORIDA ONLY:

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18 John R. Herin, Jr.
19 Interim Village Attorney

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22 FINAL VOTE AT ADOPTION:

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24 Council Member Patrick Fiore YES
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26 Council Member Tim Schaffer YES
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28 Council Member Joan Lindsay YES
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30 Vice-Mayor John DuBois YES
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32 Mayor Shelley Stanczyk YES
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