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RESOLUTION NO. 09-27

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF PALMETTO BAY, FLORIDA, URGING THE GOVERNOR, AND FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO SUPPORT AND FULLY FUND EDUCATION AND THE PERSONNEL WHO DELIVER THE EDUCATIONAL PRODUCT; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE (Sponsored Eugene P. Flinn, Jr.)

WHEREAS, the Village of Palmetto Bay is home to active and participating families, which values education and development of healthy and productive children, home to excellent private and public schools, and remains concerned with maintaining the quality of life for all residents in our community; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Constitution provides that the education of children is a fundamental value of the people of Florida and a paramount duty of the state;

WHEREAS, the Constitution creates a clear mandate for a uniform and high quality education system and for the State to make adequate provision for this purpose;

WHEREAS, The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, has experienced significant budget reductions of nearly \$300 million;

WHEREAS, Florida employers consistently rank improving education and workforce development as top concerns to the success of their business, and a highly qualified, trained workforce as critical to strengthening our business climate; Whereas, the education system needs to respond to the workforce needs of Florida's employers, including programs that expand career academies in high schools, align career education with industry standards and workforce demands, and expand options for students to continue their education and enter the workforce;

WHEREAS, the Pre-K-20 education system is the foundation for Florida's future, providing the talent base for economic diversification and an economic engine for the knowledge economy, and Florida should continue to move its education system at all levels (Pre-K-20) into the top quartile in education quality, student rankings and graduation rates based on national standards;

WHEREAS, The Village Council of Palmetto Bay believes that funding a high-quality education system including special attention to the personnel who deliver the educational product, is an investment in our state, both in providing quality jobs for Floridian's as well as preparing our students for success and our community's ability to compete nationally and globally in the marketplace; and;

WHEREAS, The Village Council of Palmetto Bay believes that adequate funding is needed to achieve a high-quality education system measured by gains in student achievement;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND VILLAGE

1 **COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF PALMETTO BAY, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:**

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3 Section 1. The Village of Palmetto Bay, Florida, supports Miami-Dade County Public
4 Schools' legislative initiative and request that the Florida Legislature:

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- 6 • Fulfill its commitment to hold school district operational and capital funding
- 7 harmless from the impact of property tax reform and budget shortfalls by funding
- 8 the student enrollment at minimally 2008-2009 levels of \$6,968.29;
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- 10 • Restore the local Discretionary Capital Outlay levy to 2-mills;
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- 12 • Oppose legislation that reduces the number of in-service hours required of teachers
- 13 providing instruction to English Language Learners; and,
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- 15 • Support the Our Pay Teachers First Bill officially filed in the House and the Senate
- 16 on Friday February 27, 2008 (H.B. 1323 "School Districts" and S.B. 2466) including
- 17 paying Educational Support Personnel, in addition to teachers.
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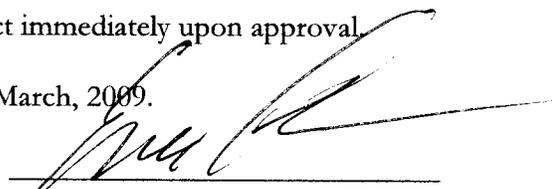
19 Section 2. The Village Clerk is requested to transmit certified copies of this resolution to the
20 Governor, and Clerks of the State of Florida House of Representatives and Senate.

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22 Section 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon approval.

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24 PASSED AND ADOPTED this 2nd day of March, 2009.

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26 Attest:

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28 Meighan Rader
29 Village Clerk

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31 Eugene P. Flinn, Jr.
32 Mayor

33 APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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35 Eve Boutsis,
36 Village Attorney

37 FINAL VOTE AT ADOPTION:

- 38 Council Member Ed Feller YES
- 39 Council Member Howard Tendrich YES
- 40 Council Member Shelley Stanczyk YES
- 41 Vice-Mayor Brian W. Pariser YES
- 42 Mayor Eugene P. Flinn, Jr. YES