RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING THE ADVANCE OF THE "READ TO LEARN/LEER PARA APRENDER/LI POU APRAN CAMPAIGN" IN COLLABORATION WITH THE CHILDREN'S TRUST, TO HELP ENSURE THAT BY YEAR 2020, ALL THIRD-GRADERS WILL READ AT OR ABOVE GRADE LEVEL; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND ALL OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the City of North Miami ("City") has a compelling interest in promoting a workforce ready and able to compete in the global marketplace, and has a high desire to promote our community's economic development and recovery; and

WHEREAS, we recognize that preparation of our future workforce requires that between birth and the of age eight (8) years, our children move from learning to read to reading to learn, so that no later than the third grade, all of our children can make this pivotal transition; strongly related to opportunities for academic and career success; and

WHEREAS, a significant percentage of students in our school district are reading below grade level in the third grade, and we know from educators and researchers that these children are likely to fall further and further behind their peers, and we further understand that eighty eight (88) percent of the children who never graduate from high school were poor third grade readers; and

WHEREAS, men and women who read at less than a fourth grade reading level are disproportionately represented in our jails; and

WHEREAS, studies show that fewer than twenty (20) percent of students below grade level in third grade will ultimately attend college, and on average, high school dropouts earn less than half what college graduates earn; and

WHEREAS, the Children's Trust's ***Read To Learn/Leer Para Aprender/Li Pou Apran Campaign*** seeks to mobilize, organize and coordinate the wide number of existing reading initiatives and literacy enhancement programs in Miami-Dade County to create collective impact and spur systemic progress so that, by the year 2020 all of our third-graders are reading at or above grade level; and

WHEREAS, the Children's Trust is bringing together a partnership of institutions, practitioners, and citizens throughout our community, including Miami-Dade County Public Schools, Miami Dade County, the Miami-Dade County Public Library System, the United Way, the Early Learning Coalition, the Family Learning Partnership and the Miami-Dade League of Cities, to address and resolve this problem through ***Read To Learn/Leer Para Aprender/Li Pou Apran Campaign***, which thus far has resulted in two community-wide summits as well as strategic-area workgroups, and this process has already yielded a Community Solutions Action Plan submission for the National League of Cities' All-America City Award, and the creation of a Book Club for all three (3) year olds in Miami-Dade County; and

WHEREAS, ***Read To Learn/Leer Para Aprender/Li Pou Apran Campaign*** seeks to develop and advance a strategic plan that is ambitious, doable, sustainable and traceable in order to address the areas that most sorely affect reading progress; parenting for literacy in the early years; school readiness/quality early child care and education; summer learning loss in early elementary school; and chronic absence/parental school involvement; and

WHEREAS, ***Read To Learn/Leer Para Aprender/Li Pou Apran Campaign*** presents an immediate opportunity to share expertise and resources with a wide array of partners and parents across Miami-Dade County and offers the long-term potential to attract funding dollars to invest in literacy education and support progress toward local and statewide goals; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council find that supporting the ***Read To Learn/Leer Para Aprender/Li Pou Apran Campaign*** in collaboration with the Children's Trust, is an affirmation to the overall improvement of the public health, safety, and general welfare.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT DULY RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI, FLORIDA:

Section 1. **Mayor and City Council Support.** The Mayor and City Council of the City of North Miami, Florida, hereby support the advance of the "Read to Learn/Leer Para Aprender/Li Pou Apran Campaign" in collaboration with the Children's Trust, to help ensure that by year 2020, all third-graders will read at or above grade level.

Section 2. **Directions.** The Mayor and City Council of the City of North Miami, Florida, hereby urge both municipal employees and the good citizens of the City to help efforts to model and spread literacy by reading and telling stories to children, by giving books as gifts

and making books available to all children, by using libraries and other means to enhance access to books, by volunteering as reading coaches and mentors, and by generally helping to build a culture that loves reading.

Section 3. **Directions to City Clerk.** The City Clerk is hereby directed to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the President and CEO of the Children's Trust.

Section 4. **Effective Date.** This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by a _____ vote of the Mayor and City Council of the City of North Miami, Florida, this _____ day of July, 2012.

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ANDRE D. PIERRE, ESQ.
MAYOR

ATTEST:

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MICHAEL A. ETIENNE, ESQ.
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND
LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

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REGINE M. MONESTIME
CITY ATTORNEY

SPONSORED BY: CITY ADMINISTRATION

Moved by: _____

Seconded by: _____

Vote:

Mayor Andre D. Pierre, Esq.	_____ (Yes)	_____ (No)
Vice Mayor Jean R. Marcellus	_____ (Yes)	_____ (No)
Councilperson Michael R. Blynn, Esq.	_____ (Yes)	_____ (No)
Councilperson Scott Galvin	_____ (Yes)	_____ (No)
Councilperson Marie Erlande Steril	_____ (Yes)	_____ (No)