

RESOLUTION NO. 03- 121

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA EXPRESSING UNEQUIVOCAL SUPPORT OF THE CARL D. PERKINS ACT AND URGING PRESERVATION OF THE STRUCTURE OF THE CARL D. PERKINS ACT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the School Board of Miami Dade County, Florida has set a high priority on preparing both K-12 and adult students for high-skill/high-wage employment opportunities in fields such as health occupations, information technology and other vocational/technical areas of vital interest to the community and to the local economy; and

WHEREAS, Currently, the Miami Dade County School Board is authorized to receive \$4.3 million in secondary and \$1.5 million in postsecondary funds from the Carl D. Perkins Act to provide for training of students for employment in such high-skill/high-wage occupations with the Board further decreeing that such training programs shall be extended to all segments of our society; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Miami Lakes recognizes that the continuation of such federal assistance depends upon reauthorization of the Carl D. Perkins Act by the 108th U.S. Congress and its signing by the President and that failure to reauthorize this legislation would critically impact the district's ability to sustain and initiate technology dependent secondary and postsecondary programs; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Miami Lakes recognizes that such federal assistance is necessary to purchase and replace equipment such as computers, servers, health science simulators, robotic and biotechnology equipment, and other items essential to the workforce readiness of students and to provide staff development and curriculum support related to new technological developments and the changing needs of business and industry; and

WHEREAS, The Town of Miami Lakes recognizes that such federal assistance is needed to support local and state career and technical student organizations such as Future Business Leaders of America that provide leadership and mentoring experiences, competitions and opportunities for personal and professional development; and

WHEREAS, the School Board of Miami Dade County, Florida has declared that the current delivery systems have met, are meeting and will continue to meet the educational and economic development needs of our community and as such, the structure of the Carl D. Perkins Act delivery system must be preserved.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. **Recitals.** The above recitals are true and correct and are incorporated herein by this reference.

Section 2. **Support.** That the Town of Miami Lakes hereby expresses its unequivocal support for the continuation of the appropriations for the Carl D. Perkins Applied Technology Act and urges that the structure of the Carl D. Perkins Act delivery system be preserved.

Section 3. That the Town Clerk is directed to forward a copy of this resolution to Mr. Joseph H. Mathos, Assistant Superintendent, Office of Adult/Vocational And Alternative Education, 1450 NE 2nd Avenue, Room 802, Miami, FL 33132.

Section 4. **Effective Date.** This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 11th day of March, 2003

Wayne Slaton
WAYNE SLATON, MAYOR

ATTEST:

Beatris M. Arguelles
BEATRIS M. ARGUELLES, CMC
TOWN CLERK

Approved as to form and legality for the use
and benefit of the Town of Miami Lakes only

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