

RESOLUTION NO. 16-1355

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, EXPRESSING SUPPORT OF REFORMS BY STATE AND FEDERAL LEGISLATORS TO INSURE THAT STUDENTS BE PROTECTED FROM INSTITUTIONAL FAILURES; PROVIDING AUTHORIZATION TO TOWN OFFICIALS; PROVIDING FOR TRANSMITTAL DIRECTIONS TO THE CLERK; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF RECITALS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, on October 30, 2015, Dade Medical College, a for-profit private college with a campus located in the Town of Miami Lakes (the “Town”), was abruptly shut down, affecting hundreds of students who had obtained student loans to attend Dade Medical College; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council wishes to express support for the students who were negatively impacted, through no fault of their own, by the recent closure of Dade Medical College and the University of Southernmost Florida; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council urges state and federal legislators to use all available resources at their disposal to provide assistance for the students negatively impacted; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council urges state and federal legislators to enact reforms to insure that before students become indebted to for-profit colleges, that proper safe guards be in place to insure that there is truth in advertising, that the college programs and instructors are properly vetted, that the colleges have sufficient capital, and to insure that students and their families not be penalized for the actions of irresponsible administrators that cause institutional failures such as the one being experienced by the students who were attending Dade Medical College.

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

Section 1. Recitals. The foregoing recitals are true and correct and are incorporated herein by reference.

Section 2. Expressing Support. The Town Council hereby supports the efforts of the state and federal legislators to pass reforms to insure that students be protected from institutional failures.

Section 3. Authorization of Town Officials. The Town Manager and/or his designee and the Town Attorney are authorized to take all actions necessary to implement this Resolution.

Section 4. Transmittal Directions to Clerk. The Town Clerk is directed to send a copy of this resolution to all State Legislators representing the Town of Miami Lakes, to all members of the Florida Congressional Delegation, and to the Secretary of the United States Department of Education.

Section 5. Effective Date. This Resolution shall be effective immediately upon adoption.

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Passed and adopted this 5th day of January, 2016.

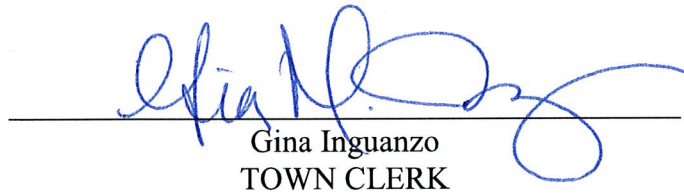
The foregoing resolution was moved by MAYOR Pizzi. The motion was seconded by COUNCILMAN LAMA and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Mayor Michael A. Pizzi, Jr.	<u>yes</u>
Vice Mayor Tim Daubert	<u>yes</u>
Councilmember Manny Cid	<u>yes</u>
Councilmember Tony Lama	<u>yes</u>
Councilmember Ceasar Mestre	<u>yes</u>
Councilmember Frank Mingo	<u>yes</u>
Councilmember Nelson Rodriguez	<u>yes</u>



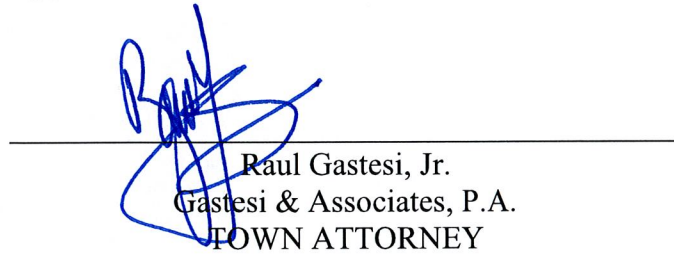
Michael A. Pizzi, Jr.
MAYOR

Attest:



Gina Inguanzo
TOWN CLERK

Approved as to form and legal sufficiency:



Raul Gastesi, Jr.
Gastesi & Associates, P.A.
TOWN ATTORNEY