

RESOLUTION NO. 09-770

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, DESIGNATING THE BOUNDLESS PLAYGROUND LOCATED AT MIAMI LAKES OPTIMIST PARK (THE “BOUNDLESS PLAYGROUND”) AS THE “MATTHEW PALACIOS PLAYGROUND”; AUTHORIZING IMPLEMENTATION BY TOWN OFFICIALS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS,** the Town of Miami Lakes (the “Town”) has built the Boundless Playground located at Miami Lakes Optimist Park (the “Boundless Playground”) to provide a barrier free playground for children with disabilities to play alongside their peers; and

**WHEREAS,** Mercy Palacios was the original proponent and a tireless advocate for the creation of the Boundless Playground; and

**WHEREAS,** Mercy Palacios founded The Joy Outreach Community Center, Inc., (“Joy Outreach”) whose mission is to bring joy to at-risk youth and children with disabilities by providing free academic programs, activities and support services; and

**WHEREAS,** Joy Outreach has been an active advocate and sponsor in the development of the Boundless Playground; and

**WHEREAS,** Matthew Palacios (“Matthew”), son of Mercy Palacios, was born with spina bifida; and

**WHEREAS,** Matthew has spearheaded the effort and been the face of Miami Lakes’ Boundless Playground effort; and

**WHEREAS,** in spite of his special needs, Matthew has shown tenacity, courage and strength in his ceaseless efforts in the development of the Boundless Playground; and

**WHEREAS,** the Town Council wishes to recognize Matthew’s ever ready smile, positive, can-do attitude and perseverance; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council wishes, in honor of Matthew Palacios, to designate the Boundless Playground as the "Matthew Palacios Playground".

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

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

**Section 2. Designation of Playground.** The Boundless Playground located at Miami Lakes Optimist Park is hereby designated and named "Matthew Palacios Playground".

**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.

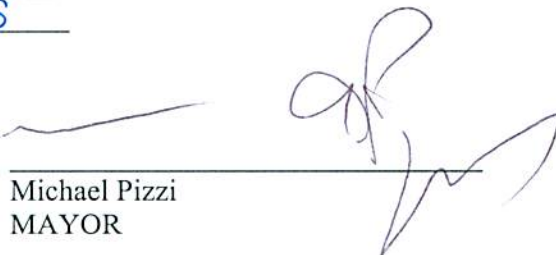
**Section 4. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 8<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2009.

Motion to adopt by Mayor Pizzi, second by Councilwoman Simon.

FINAL VOTE AT ADOPTION

Mayor Michael Pizzi	yes
Vice Mayor Nick Perdomo	yes
Councilmember Mary Collins	absent
Councilmember George Lopez	yes
Councilmember Robert Meador II	yes
Councilmember Richard Pulido	yes
Councilmember Nancy Simon	yes

  
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Michael Pizzi  
MAYOR

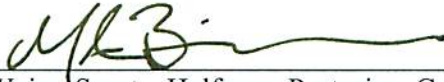
ATTEST:



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Marjorie Tejada  
TOWN CLERK

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



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Weiss, Serota, Helfman, Pastoriza, Cole & Boniske, P.L.  
TOWN ATTORNEY