

WHEREAS, the Broward County Board of County Commissioners is the legislative and policy-making branch of Broward County Government;

WHEREAS, the Broward County Board of County Commissioners is comprised of Mayor Steve Geller, Vice Mayor Michael Udine, Dale Holness, Mark D. Bogen, Nan H. Rich, Lamar P. Fisher, Beam Furr, Tim Ryan, and Dr. Barbara Sharief, who are elected members from the nine districts;

WHEREAS, the Broward County Board of County Commissioners works to enforce comprehensive plans for the development of the county;

WHEREAS, the Broward County Board of County Commissioners supports the economic welfare of the county by leveraging partnerships with various international, national, regional, and local businesses, organizations, and institutions;

WHEREAS, the Broward County Board of County Commissioners as part of its partnerships for the holistic development of the county supports Broward College as a post-secondary institution in Broward County;

WHEREAS, the Broward County Commission endorsed then-Mayor Mark D. Bogen's project, the Broward Bridge Scholarship Program, which is designed to support low income students by providing gap scholarship funding at Broward College, which in turn, will transform their lives; and

WHEREAS, on Tuesday, October 6, 2020, the Broward County Board of County Commissioners approved the contract for the Broward Bridge Scholarship Program;

WHEREAS, the Broward County Board of County Commissioners has committed an initial \$1 million in funding over the next two years;

WHEREAS, this gap funding through the Broward Bridge Scholarship Program unifies communities in the pursuit of a common goal and supports Florida's education attainment goal to increase the rate of working adults who have post-secondary degrees or certificates to 60 percent by 2030;

WHEREAS, the Broward County Board of County Commissioners has served as a bridge between the College and the community, and this investment reflects the first of its kind in the state of Florida;

NOW THEREFORE, be it proclaimed that the Broward College District Board of Trustees, and its leadership, recognize and extend heartfelt appreciation for the Broward County Board of County Commissioners for their support of post-secondary education, Broward College, and the unlimited potential of Broward County residents.

This proclamation approved on this day, January 12, 2021

By:

Gloria M. Fernandez Chair, Board of Trustees

Gregory Adam Haile, J.D.

President