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3 **RESOLUTION NO. 2012-49**
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5 RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE COMMISSION OF THE
6 VILLAGE OF BISCAYNE PARK CONCERNING MIAMI-
7 DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS' CAPITAL BOND
8 REFERENDUM TO MODERNIZE AND CONSTRUCT
9 SCHOOLS, INCLUDING TECHNOLOGY UPGRADES TO
10 ALL SCHOOLS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE
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13 **WHEREAS**, Miami-Dade County Public Schools will ask county voters to invest in
14 schools by approving issuance of a \$1.2 billion General Obligation Bond for renovating
15 facilities, updating technology, building school replacements, expanding capacity and enhancing
16 facility safety; and
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18 **WHEREAS**, it is reported that inequity exists between the instructional experience of
19 students attending newer schools and those in outdated buildings. To take full advantage of
20 today's technology and digital learning environments, aging schools require replacement or
21 updating to ensure all students have access to cutting- edge academic programming and modern
22 safety and security measures; and
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24 **WHEREAS**, the school district and the business community seek a sustainable long-
25 term solution for all of Miami-Dade County's public school to ensure that every student is
26 prepared for the evolving workforce, and numerous studies have concluded that students learn
27 better in upgraded or newer facilities with advanced technology, better air quality and less noise;
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30 **WHEREAS**, construction bonds issued in 1988 are being paid off, and it is reported that
31 the proposed new bond issue will have a minimal impact on the typical homeowner -- projected
32 to be \$5 annually per \$100,000 of taxable property value in the first year; and a projected
33 average of \$27 annually per \$100,000 of taxable property value during the term of the bond; and
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35 **WHEREAS**, the timing of the issuance seems critical in order to minimize the cost to
36 taxpayers while construction costs also are significantly lower than at their peak, and interest
37 rates are at historical lows; and
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39 **WHEREAS**, Miami-Dade County Public Schools projects that the Capital Bond
40 Referendum will provide prosperity and security in our community by attracting capital from
41 outside the county to be invested in the local community; and that ultimately those investments
42 will provide students with more targeted academic offerings and more opportunity to become
43 prepared for the 21st Century global economy; and
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45 **WHEREAS**, Miami Dade County Public Schools reports that, according to a recent
46 economic impact study, in addition to the educational advances, the long-term benefits of
47 continuing the bond program in 2012 far outweigh any minimal increase in taxes by creating an
48 estimated 9,200 jobs during the first three years of the bond and over 18,000 sustainable jobs
49 during the life of the bonds; and
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51 **WHEREAS**, Bond Program project list was developed through stakeholder input, and
52 with continued oversight by citizen advisory committees will help enhance the safety and
53 security of school buildings; renovate or upgrade every school; guarantee technology equity
54 across all schools; and promote greater public/private partnerships.

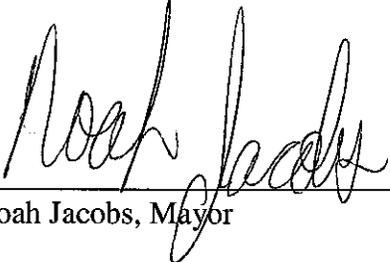
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2 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE VILLAGE COMMISSION**
3 **OF THE VILLAGE OF BISCAYNE PARK, FLORIDA:**
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5 **Section 1:** That the Village of Biscayne Park believes voters are empowered to
6 determine if long-term needs of school facilities benefiting a new generation of students merit
7 continuing the bond program by authorizing \$1.2 billion of bonds in 2012.
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9 **Section 2:** The Village of Biscayne Park urges its residents to carefully consider all
10 issues and long-term impacts related to the proposed Miami-Dade County Public Schools'
11 Capital Bond Referendum to modernize and construct schools, including technology upgrades at
12 all schools.
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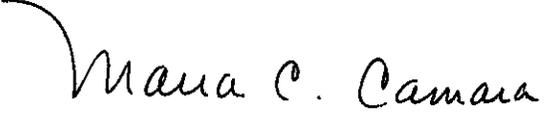
15 PASSED AND ADOPTED this 2nd day of October, 2012.
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17 **The foregoing resolution upon**
18 **being put to a vote, the vote was**
19 **as follows:**
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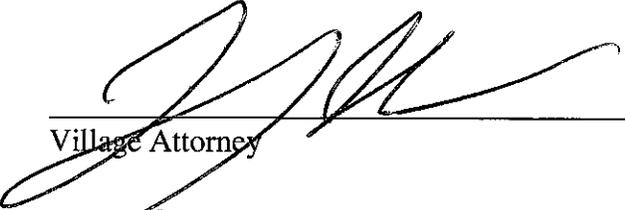
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26 Noah Jacobs, Mayor
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28 Mayor Jacobs: Yes
29 Vice Mayor Ross: Yes
30 Commissioner Anderson: Yes
31 Commissioner Cooper: Yes
32 Commissioner Watts: Yes

33 Attest:

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36 Maria C. Camara, Village Clerk
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38 Approved as to form:

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42 Village Attorney