



Cedars International Academy

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RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING SUPPORT FOR THE MY NAME, MY IDENTITY NATIONAL CAMPAIGN

WHEREAS, Cedars International Academy takes pride in joining the National Association for Bilingual Education in establishing a national platform for the My Name, My Identity Campaign; and

WHEREAS, the My Name, My Identity Campaign is an opportunity to build a respectful culture in our schools and communities that values diversity and promotes global awareness; and

WHEREAS, the campaign is focused on sharing stories about names within cultural contexts, taking actions to create a respectful and inclusive environment in school communities, and inspiring individuals to make pledges to pronounce students' names correctly and to learn the stories behind those names; and

WHEREAS, pronouncing students' names correctly is the first step in respecting, appreciating, and connecting with students and families, strengthening students' sense of belonging at school, fostering students' self-confidence and their own sense of identity, recognizing the value of diversity, encouraging more students to become multiliterate, and creating an opportunity to build cultural and language awareness in our global communities; and

WHEREAS, there are 308,594 speakers in Travis county who speak a language other than English at home; and

WHEREAS, the Cedars International Academy believes that the My Name, My Identity Campaign lays a solid foundation of promoting the skills and mindsets that will empower our students to become global citizens;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cedars International Academy Board of Education and Superintendent supports and endorses the establishment of the **My Name, My Identity Campaign**.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Cedars International Academy Board of Education at a meeting held on May 12, 2016, by the following vote:

AYES: 6
NOES: 0
ABSTAIN: 0
ABSENT: 1

Dr. Maria Seidner, President
Cedars International Academy Board of Education

Dr. Mark Diaz,
Superintendent