

# GOVERNMENT OF PUERTO RICO

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## SENATE OF PUERTO RICO

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Introduced by Mr. *Tirado-Rivera*

#### RESOLUTION

To express the congratulations and recognition of the Senate of Puerto Rico to Suleira M. Quiñones-Fontánez, EdD, Lead Field Associate in the Nova Southeastern University (NSU) Abraham S. Fischler College of Education, for her contribution to the development of quality higher education in the United States and Puerto Rico; her contributions to the local and international education community; and for her achievements in the field of education in the United States, Puerto Rico, and internationally.

#### STATEMENT OF MOTIVES

Nova Southeastern University (NSU) is a not-for-profit institution founded in 1964 in the State of Florida that acknowledges the major educational contribution that the Abraham S. Fischler College of Education (FCE) offers through all of its high-quality education programs and continued excellence. This institution has been a pioneer in distance education since 1972 and is largest college of postgraduate studies in the United States. Its programs are offered through different instructional methodologies according to the needs and work schedule of its students, the characteristics of their place of residence, and their personal goals. Said Institution has a university campus in Puerto Rico that offers masters and doctoral degrees in education and pharmacy, among others.

Suleira M. Quiñones-Fontanez, EdD earned her Doctor of Education, with a concentration on Instructional Technology and Distance Education, from Nova Southeastern University on August 2010, being a member of the first class to graduate from the San Juan Regional Campus. Months later, on October 2010, she was selected to fill the Lead Field Associate position in the College of Education of the Nova Southeastern University Puerto Rico Regional Campus. Her excellent work as an NSU employee has benefitted both the students and faculty in general.

Due to her extraordinary commitment to providing a quality service to students, she was awarded the employee of the month in September 2017.

Prior to earning her doctoral degree, she received a Master's in Education from the Inter American University of Puerto Rico and a second master's degree in Biomedical Sciences from the Ponce Health Sciences University.

After finishing her doctorate, Quiñonez-Fontanez, EdD finished her Postdoctoral Fellowship on Strategic Direction with a Concentration in Corporate Responsibility in the University of Leon, Spain, in 2013.

In 2015, the Governor of Puerto Rico appointed Suleira M. Quiñones-Fontanez, EdD, to the Puerto Rico Education Council, for a term of five (5) years. In 2016 she was appointed as a member of the Board of Directors of Corporación para el Fomento Empresarial del Comercio y las Comunidades, for term of five (5) years.

As to her social contributions, she has collaborated with the Puerto Rico Chapter of the United Nations Association of the United States of America (UNAUSAPR), the Puerto Rico Chapter of the American Red Cross, the Organización Pro-Ambiente Sustentable (OPAS), and the Fundación de Actualización de Tecnología de Latinoamérica, among others.

In 2013, she was recognized by the United States Achievement Academy, Cambridge's Who's Who, and Caribbean Business's 40 Under 40.

In 2016, she was awarded an honorary doctorate by the Red Educativa de Calidad Mundial (RECAM) and she is Puerto Rico's representative in that international body. She is the current CEO of the Virtual Educa Initiative in Puerto Rico. Virtual

Educa is a multilateral initiative in the area of innovation applied to education for social transformation and sustainable development. The development of the initiative was undertaken by the Organization of American States (OAS) in 2001 and has a special emphasis on Latin America and the Caribbean.

Therefore, for her contributions to the development of quality education in Puerto Rico, to the local and international education community, and her achievements in the field of education in Puerto Rico, the Senate of Puerto Rico recognizes Suleira M. Quiñonez-Fontáñez, EdD, and congratulates her for her achievements in benefit of higher education in the United States, Puerto Rico, and internationally.

***BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF PUERTO RICO:***

1           Section 1.- The congratulations and recognition of the Senate of Puerto Rico  
2 are hereby extended to Suleira M. Quiñones-Fontáñez, Ed.D, Lead Field Associate in  
3 the Nova Southeastern University Abraham S. Fischler College of Education (FCE),  
4 for her contributions to, and achievements in benefit of higher education in the  
5 United States, Puerto Rico and internationally.

6           Section 2. - Senator Cirilo Tirado-Rivera shall deliver a copy of this  
7 Resolution, in parchment scroll, to Suleira M. Quiñonez-Fontanez, Ed.D.

8           Section 3. - This Resolution shall take effect immediately after its approval.