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Jorge Luis Lopez, Esq. To Receive “Father of the Year” Award At The Fifth Annual Father of the Year Awards Dinner Benefitting The American Diabetes Association

MIAMI, FL — The American Diabetes Association has announced that they will be honoring Jorge Luis Lopez, Esq. with the “Father of the Year” award. The Father of the Year Awards Dinner will take place on Saturday, May 31st, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at the Mandarin Oriental, with proceeds to benefit the organization.

Produced in partnership with the Father’s Day Council, the “Father of the Year” award is given to fathers who demonstrated the ability to balance their personal and professional lives while serving as outstanding role models in their respective communities.

“There is no greater honor than receiving this award, which means so much to me and my family,” said **Jorge Luis Lopez**. “All my hard work and accomplishments are for them and in turn, they inspire me to do my best. I couldn’t be as involved as I am at my professional and philanthropic efforts, if it wasn’t for their incredible support.”

Lopez is the owner of Jorge Luis Lopez Law Firm, which specializes in governmental affairs. He represents the interests of private and public sector clients before federal, state, and local governments. His experience includes representing the Miami-Dade County government before the State of Florida, developing the county’s legislative agenda as Director of Intergovernmental Affairs Division of Miami-Dade County and representing some of Miami’s leading companies in complex intergovernmental matters.

Lopez has also solidified a reputation for philanthropic work in the community for more than 20 years. He is a Diamond Society Member of the Miami Children’s Health Foundation, Chair of the Citizens’ Oversight Committee under the auspices of the Interlocal Agreements for Public School Facility Planning in Miami-Dade County (ILA), serves on the boards of Miami-Dade Cultural

Affairs Counsel and American Red Cross of Greater Miami & Keys, is Florida Division Director for the American Cancer Society, and Founding Chair of the American Cancer Society - Laureate Society. Lopez is also a Ronald McDonald House Charities' Twelve Good Men honoree, an Association of Fundraising Professionals' James W. McLamore outstanding volunteer award recipient and a United HomeCare Claude Pepper Memorial Community Advocacy award recipient.

For more information on the Father of the Year Awards, please call the American Diabetes Association at 305-477-8999, ext.3013 or visit www.diabetes.org/foty and select Miami.

About The Father's Day Council

The Father's Day Council is a select group of concerned, civic-minded, active community leaders from a variety of professions which honors dads whose achievements and values enhance the meaning and stature of fatherhood. Since it began its partnership with the American Diabetes Association in 2000, the National Father's Day Council has generated in excess of \$15 million from Father's Day awards events.

About The American Diabetes Association

The American Diabetes Association is the nation's leading voluntary health organization providing diabetes research, information and advocacy for Type 1, Type 2, and gestational diabetes. Founded in 1940, the association is currently funding over 400 research studies across the country to benefit the nearly 26 million Americans with diabetes. Diabetes is the fastest growing health epidemic in the United States and the world. For more information on the American Diabetes Association please visit our website at www.diabetes.org or call 1-800-DIABETES.

About Jorge Luis Lopez Law Firm

Jorge Luis Lopez Law Firm is a Miami-based law firm specializing in governmental affairs. The firm represents Florida 100 and Fortune 500 companies at the federal, state and local levels. As legal experts with more than 23 years of governmental affairs experience, the firm represents clients on the development and response to government regulations, contracts, procurements, land use and zoning. In addition to their dedication to serving clients, firm members are also highly-involved in the community, serving on the diverse boards of directors. For more information call [305-444-6102](tel:305-444-6102) or visit www.lopezgovlaw.com.

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Editor's Note: Interviews with Mr. Jorge Luis Lopez, Esq. and photos are available upon request.