

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(1)

TO: Honorable Chairman Jean Monestime
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: September 16, 2015

FROM: R. A. Cuevas, Jr.
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution urging the Florida
Legislature to designate the
second Monday in October of
each calendar year as "Sir
Lancelot Jones Day" in the State
of Florida

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Daniella Levine Cava and Co-Sponsor Commissioner Dennis C. Moss.



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Please note any items checked.

- "3-Day Rule" for committees applicable if raised
- 6 weeks required between first reading and public hearing
- 4 weeks notification to municipal officials required prior to public hearing
- Decreases revenues or increases expenditures without balancing budget
- Budget required
- Statement of fiscal impact required
- Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Mayor's report for public hearing
- No committee review
- Applicable legislation requires more than a majority vote (i.e., 2/3's _____, 3/5's _____, unanimous _____) to approve
- Current information regarding funding source, index code and available balance, and available capacity (if debt is contemplated) required

Approved _____ Mayor
Veto _____
Override _____

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9-16-15

RESOLUTION NO. _____

~~RESOLUTION URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO
DESIGNATE THE SECOND MONDAY IN OCTOBER OF
EACH CALENDAR YEAR AS "SIR LANCELOT JONES DAY"
IN THE STATE OF FLORIDA~~

WHEREAS, on April 22, 2015, the Florida House of Representatives passed Resolution No. 9119, designating October 12, 2015 as "Sir Lancelot Jones Day" in Florida; and

WHEREAS, however, during the 2015 legislative session, the Florida Legislature failed to pass legislation that would permanently designate a date in remembrance of Sir Lancelot Garfield Jones; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 946 filed by Senator Dwight Bullard (D – Miami) and House Bill 585 filed by Representative Holly Rashein (R – Key Largo) would have designated the second Monday in October of each year as "Sir Lancelot Jones Day" and encouraged public officials, schools, private organizations, and citizens to commemorate the occasion; and

WHEREAS, Sir Jones was a Bahamian-American entrepreneur, educator, conservationist, farmer, and fisherman whose life and work fostered the preservation of Biscayne Bay and establishment of Biscayne National Park; and

WHEREAS, Sir Jones grew up on Porgy Key, a small island in Miami-Dade County that his father, an ex-slave, purchased after the end of the Civil War; and

WHEREAS, Sir Jones preserved the land by opposing the development of high rises, shopping centers, and beach front homes on the land; and

WHEREAS, Sir Jones sold his acreage to the United States National Park Service in 1970, which led to the creation of the Biscayne National Park; and

WHEREAS, Biscayne National Park generates more than \$40 million in economic benefit to the State of Florida and supports more than 400 jobs; and

WHEREAS, more than 500,000 tourists visit the park annually; and

WHEREAS, Biscayne National Park is the largest marine park in the National Park System; and

WHEREAS, Biscayne National Park contains the longest undeveloped shoreline on Florida's east coast; and

WHEREAS, Biscayne National Park is home to the third largest coral reef system in the world; and

WHEREAS, Biscayne National Park provides protection to many threatened or endangered plant, animal, and fish species; and

WHEREAS, considering Sir Jones' great contribution to the State of Florida's economy, ecology, culture, and heritage, this Board would like to urge the Florida Legislature to designate the second Monday in October of each calendar year as "Sir Lancelot Jones Day" in Florida,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that this Board:

Section 1. Urges the Florida Legislature to designate the second Monday in October of each calendar year as "Sir Lancelot Jones Day" in the State of Florida.

Section 2. Directs the Clerk of this Board to send a certified copy of this resolution to the Governor, Senate President, House Speaker, Senator Dwight Bullard, Representative Holly Raschein, the Chair and remaining members of the Miami-Dade State Legislative Delegation.

Section 3. Directs the County's state lobbyists to advocate for the legislative action set forth in Section 1 above, and authorizes and directs the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs to add this item to the 2016 State Legislative Package when it is presented to the Board.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Daniella Levine Cava and the Co-Sponsor is Commissioner Dennis C. Moss. It was offered by

Commissioner _____, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by

Commissioner _____ and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

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| Jean Monestime, Chairman | |
| Esteban L. Bovo, Jr., Vice Chairman | |
| Bruno A. Barreiro | Daniella Levine Cava |
| Jose "Pepe" Diaz | Audrey M. Edmonson |
| Sally A. Heyman | Barbara J. Jordan |
| Dennis C. Moss | Rebeca Sosa |
| Sen. Javier D. Souto | Xavier L. Suarez |
| Juan C. Zapata | |

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 16th day of September, 2015. This resolution shall become effective upon the earlier of (1) 10 days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the County Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board, or (2) approval by the County Mayor of this Resolution and the filing of this approval with the Clerk of the Board.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA
BY ITS BOARD OF
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

HARVEY RUVIN, CLERK

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.

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