

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(21)

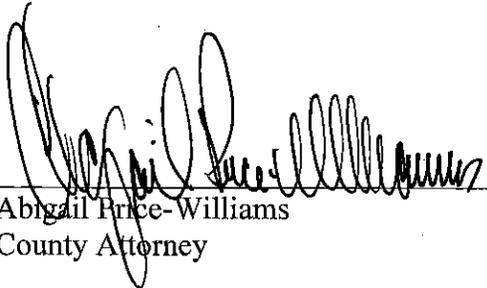
TO: Honorable Chairman Jean Monestime
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: December 1, 2015

FROM: Abigail Price-Williams
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution directing the County Mayor to seek collaboration of the Miami-Dade County School Board in providing a domestic violence education program to elementary, middle and high school students; and directing the County Mayor to research resources with which to launch the program and to report back to this Board within 90 days with a plan for funding and implementing the Program

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Rebeca Sosa, and Co-Sponsors Vice Chairman Esteban L. Bovo, Jr., Commissioner Sally A. Heyman, Chairman Jean Monestime, Senator Javier D. Souto and Commissioner Juan C. Zapata.



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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
- Statement of social equity 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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12-1-15

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO SEEK COLLABORATION OF THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD IN PROVIDING A DOMESTIC VIOLENCE EDUCATION PROGRAM TO ELEMENTARY, MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS; AND DIRECTING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO RESEARCH RESOURCES WITH WHICH TO LAUNCH THE PROGRAM AND TO REPORT BACK TO THIS BOARD WITHIN 90 DAYS WITH A PLAN FOR FUNDING AND IMPLEMENTING THE PROGRAM

WHEREAS, domestic violence is a pattern of controlling behaviors -- violence or threats of violence -- that one person uses to establish power over a current or former spouse, intimate partner or family or household member in order to control that person's actions and activities; and

WHEREAS, domestic violence may include threats, physical violence, sexual assault, stalking, kidnapping and many other types of unwanted behavior or any criminal offense resulting in physical injury or death; and

WHEREAS, domestic violence can happen to anyone, regardless of age, religion, or social, economic, ethnic or educational background. It happens to men, women, elderly and children; and

WHEREAS, domestic violence is a vicious and pervasive social problem, destabilizing families and threatening every sector of the community; and

WHEREAS, according to the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence, a woman is assaulted or beaten every nine seconds in the United States; and

WHEREAS, one-third of women and one-fourth of men will encounter some form of physical violence from an intimate partner within their lifetimes; and

WHEREAS, only 34 percent of victims hurt by their intimate partners receive medical care for their wounds; and

WHEREAS, one in 15 children are exposed to domestic violence each year; and

WHEREAS, many children who witness domestic violence at home suffer silently because the abuse remains a family secret; and

WHEREAS, fears of reprisal, escalated violence, financial ruin, deportation, and other factors make it difficult for many victims of domestic violence to report crimes committed against them; and

WHEREAS, *El Nuevo Herald* recently ran a local series on domestic violence, in which it was reported that Miami-Dade County leads the state with 9,811 cases of domestic violence reported in 2014; and

WHEREAS, children exposed to domestic violence at home are at risk of post-traumatic stress, depression, and anxiety, as well as low self-esteem, and poor school performance; and

WHEREAS, children who see domestic violence at home may grow up to become domestic violence aggressors themselves; and

WHEREAS, education is crucial to encouraging children to report domestic violence and to break deep-rooted patterns and cycles of abuse; and

WHEREAS, this Board has a long history of addressing domestic violence; and

WHEREAS, for example, among various other initiatives over the years aimed at assisting victims, pursuant to Resolution No. 753-11, this Board authorized the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to receive grant funds from The Miami Foundation for police officers and victim services coordinators to educate teens on responding to early signs of domestic violence and avoiding violent escalations; and

WHEREAS, various local organizations are dedicated to improving the lives of children and may be available as potential funding sources for a domestic violence education initiative; and

WHEREAS, this Board desires to partner with the Miami-Dade County School Board to educate children in the classroom from an early age about domestic violence, including how to identify domestic violence triggers, control violent impulses, and recognize and report signs of abuse,

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

Section 1. Directs the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to seek collaboration of the Miami-Dade County School Board ("School Board") in providing a domestic violence education program to elementary, middle and high school students (the "Program"). The Program shall feature separate classes for boys and girls and shall include topics such as, but not limited to, how to identify domestic violence triggers, control violent impulses, and recognize and report signs of abuse.

Section 2. Directs the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to research resources ("Resources") with which to launch the Program described in Section 1 above. Resources include any existing County domestic violence programs featuring educational components, as well as any existing or potential federal, state, county, local and/or private funding sources.

Section 3. Directs the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to report back to this Board with a plan for funding and implementing the Program described in Section 1 above and to place the completed report on an agenda of this Board pursuant to Ordinance No. 14-65 within 90 days of the effective date of this resolution.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Rebeca Sosa, and the Co-Sponsors are Vice Chairman Esteban L. Bovo, Jr., Commissioner Sally A. Heyman, Chairman Jean Monestime, Senator Javier D. Souto and Commissioner Juan C. Zapata. 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:

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	

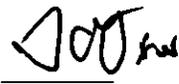
The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 1st day of December, 2015. This resolution shall become effective upon the earlier of (1) 10 days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the County Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override 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.



Estephanie S. Resnik