

# MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(17)

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

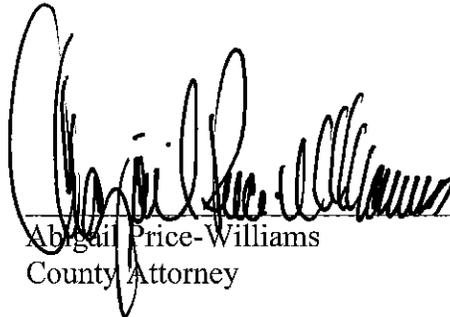
**DATE:** May 17, 2016

**FROM:** Abigail Price-Williams  
County Attorney

**SUBJECT:** Resolution creating the Miami-Dade County "Seniors Who Serve" Volunteer Award program; establishing the program rules; directing the County Mayor to further develop the award program, including development of the program application and guidelines

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The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Rebeca Sosa.

  
Abigail Price-Williams  
County Attorney

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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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5-17-16

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

RESOLUTION CREATING THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY  
“SENIORS WHO SERVE” VOLUNTEER AWARD  
PROGRAM; ESTABLISHING THE PROGRAM RULES;  
DIRECTING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY  
MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO FURTHER DEVELOP THE  
AWARD PROGRAM, INCLUDING DEVELOPMENT OF THE  
PROGRAM APPLICATION AND GUIDELINES

**WHEREAS**, the County has a long and proud tradition of volunteer service; and

**WHEREAS**, many of the County’s volunteers are senior citizens, who give of their time and expertise in order to enhance the lives of others and the community; and

**WHEREAS**, senior volunteers use their talents, time, and lifelong experiences to help others, and the Board desires to annually honor these valued members of our society; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board desires especially to acknowledge those who volunteer in homes for at-risk youth, elderly residents, and the homeless; and

**WHEREAS**, recognizing and honoring those who volunteer to help the County’s most vulnerable residents sets a standard for community service, encourages commitment to the benefit of the community, and inspires others to make community service a part of their lives; and

**WHEREAS**, recognizing seniors who volunteer also draws attention to volunteer opportunities for seniors who have retired; and

**WHEREAS**, volunteering can help keep the brain and body active, which contributes to continuing cognitive health; and

**WHEREAS**, encouraging community service for retirees is also a way to enrich the community while helping keep seniors vibrant and healthy; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board desires to encourage volunteers to continue their valuable work and renew their commitments to helping others and strengthening our community and inspire and encourage others to seek out imaginative ways to help others and engage in the community; and

**WHEREAS**, in order to so encourage the community and recognize its valuable senior volunteers, the Board desires to create the “Seniors Who Serve” Volunteer Award Program,

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

**Section 1.** The Board hereby creates the “Seniors Who Serve” Volunteer Award program. The program shall honor senior citizen residents of the County for exceptional volunteer service in the County. Special emphasis shall be made for seniors who dedicate their time, talents, and lifelong experiences to benefit the County’s most vulnerable residents: at-risk youth, elderly residents, or the homeless. The program shall annually honor at least one senior citizen in each category: homelessness, at-risk youth, and elderly. Volunteers may be nominated by County residents, the County Mayor, a County Commissioner, or themselves.

**Section 2.** The Board directs the County Mayor or County Mayor’s designee to further develop the program, including the program application, guidelines, and verifiable criteria to be established to show the exceptional nature of each nominee’s service. The County Mayor or County Mayor’s designee shall empanel a selection committee each year to select award recipients from those nominated. The award shall include recognition of each award recipient with a personal profile on miamidade.gov and the Miami-Dade TV station. To promote the program, the County Mayor or County Mayor’s designee shall establish a marketing campaign, which shall include the creation of a “Seniors Who Serve” page on miamidade.gov, which shall include nomination forms. The program shall continue in perpetuity.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Rebeca Sosa. 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	

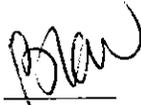
The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 17<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2016. This resolution shall become effective upon the earlier of (1) 10 days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the County Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an 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.



Brenda Kuhns Neuman