

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(22)

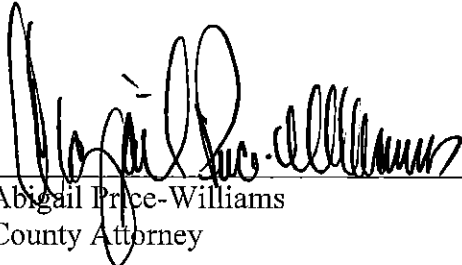
TO: Honorable Chairman Jean Monestime
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: July 6, 2016

FROM: Abigail Price-Williams
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution declaring a state of public awareness of mosquito-borne illnesses and the threat they pose to the residents of Miami-Dade County; directing the County Mayor to educate and inform the public of the threat of mosquito-borne illnesses

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Senator Javier D. Souto.


Abigail Price-Williams
County Attorney

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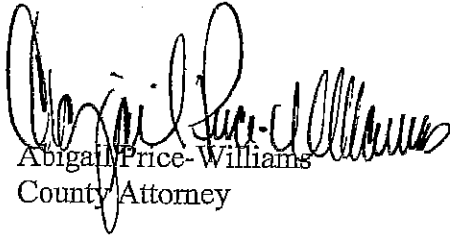


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Please note any items checked.

- "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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7-6-16

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION DECLARING A STATE OF PUBLIC AWARENESS OF MOSQUITO-BORNE ILLNESSES AND THE THREAT THEY POSE TO THE RESIDENTS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY; DIRECTING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO EDUCATE AND INFORM THE PUBLIC OF THE THREAT OF MOSQUITO-BORNE ILLNESSES

WHEREAS, a number of mosquito-borne illnesses have been found in Miami-Dade County, including the dengue fever, chikungunya virus, and most recently, the Zika virus; and

WHEREAS, the Zika virus causes a disease for which no known cure exists, causing fever, rashes, joint pain, and conjunctivitis; and

WHEREAS, Zika virus disease in pregnant women has been linked to subsequent birth defects, including microcephaly; and

WHEREAS, many babies born to mothers infected by the Zika virus die in infancy, and the majority, if not all, of those who survive will have severe long-term developmental problems; and

WHEREAS, additionally, the Brazil Ministry of Health has reported an increased number of people who have been infected with the Zika virus who also have Guillain-Barre syndrome, an uncommon sickness of the nervous system in which a person's own immune system damages the nerve cells, causing muscle weakness and sometimes paralysis; and

WHEREAS, Zika virus is primarily transmitted to humans from mosquitos; however, it is also sexually transmitted, and public health officials and epidemiologists alike have not been able to determine the full list of possible ways the virus may be transferred; and

WHEREAS, mosquitos become infected when they feed on a person already infected with the virus, then they spread the virus to other people through bites; and

WHEREAS, Zika virus is transmitted by the *Aedes* species mosquito, the same type of mosquito that spreads dengue and chikungunya viruses; and

WHEREAS, these mosquitos typically lay eggs in and near standing water in things like buckets, bowls, animal dishes, flower pots and vases, and live indoors and outdoors near people; and

WHEREAS, of the 113 Zika diagnoses statewide, 44 individuals have been identified in Miami-Dade County as of May 18, 2016; and

WHEREAS, there have been no locally acquired Zika virus cases in the United States, but experts say that it is inevitable that infected mosquitos will start biting people and spreading the virus in this country; and

WHEREAS, mosquito season in South Florida begins in late May and ends in October; and

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade TV is the County's government access television station, carried by all cable television systems in Miami-Dade County, and is an excellent outlet for informing the public of the risks of mosquito-borne illnesses; and

WHEREAS, this Board desires to increase public awareness of the threat of mosquito-borne illnesses by declaring a state of public awareness of mosquito-borne illnesses and the threat they pose to the residents of Miami-Dade County,

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

Section 1. Declares a state of public awareness of mosquito-borne illnesses and the threat they pose to the residents of Miami-Dade County.

Section 2. Directs the County Mayor or Mayor's designee to educate and inform the public of the threat of mosquito-borne illnesses. Such efforts to educate and inform must include advertisement on Miami-Dade TV.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Senator Javier D. Souto. 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 6th day of July, 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.

MP

Matthew Papkin