

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(8)

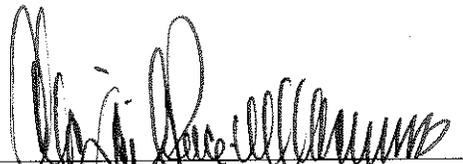
TO: Honorable Chairman Jean Monestime
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: October 5, 2016

FROM: Abigail Price-Williams
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution directing the County Mayor to ascertain the feasibility of purchasing American flags for all County-owned buildings and facilities, including those occupied and used by the Public Health Trust, and for all other uses from Goodwill Industries of South Florida; and directing the County Mayor to provide a report

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Sally A. Heyman and Co-Sponsor Commissioner Rebeca Sosa.


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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

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Veto _____

10-5-16

Override _____

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO ASCERTAIN THE FEASIBILITY OF PURCHASING AMERICAN FLAGS FOR ALL COUNTY-OWNED BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES, INCLUDING THOSE OCCUPIED AND USED BY THE PUBLIC HEALTH TRUST, AND FOR ALL OTHER USES FROM GOODWILL INDUSTRIES OF SOUTH FLORIDA; AND DIRECTING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO PROVIDE A REPORT

WHEREAS, Goodwill Industries of South Florida ("Goodwill"), located at 2121 N.W. 21st Street in Miami-Dade County, has an apparel manufacturing center and flag-making operation that manufactures American flags and military apparel for customers that include the Department of Defense, Defense Logistics Agency, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, U.S. Army and State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, Goodwill participates in a program run by the Department of Defense and the Veterans Administration that offers individuals with disabilities rehabilitation, training and employment opportunities; and

WHEREAS, Goodwill's apparel manufacturing center employs approximately 900 people, many of whom are people with mental or physical disabilities, some of which are significant; and

WHEREAS, roughly 60 of the employees meticulously stitch and sew about 450 American flags a day; and

WHEREAS, production of American flags earns Goodwill over \$3.2 million annually of which 96 percent of this revenue is directed toward training, job placement and employment of people with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, many of the flags manufactured at Goodwill are used for interment of military veterans and active duty personnel; and

WHEREAS, in addition to making flags for military funeral services, Goodwill Industries of South Florida is one of three Goodwill facilities in the country that also makes flags that drape the caskets of presidents and are presented to grieving first ladies at presidential funerals; and

WHEREAS, making flags is a labor of love, done with honor and reverence by workers; and

WHEREAS, in 2015, the Florida Legislature passed the All-American Flag Act, Chapter 2015-138, Laws of Florida, which created section 256.041, Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, section 256.041 requires that American and state flags purchased on or after January 1, 2016, by the state, a county, or a municipality for public use be made in the United States from domestically grown, produced, and manufactured materials; and

WHEREAS, Goodwill is a certified partner of Employment Center for RESPECT of Florida, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization for the State of Florida (“RESPECT”); and

WHEREAS, in accord with RESPECT’s mission, which includes the goal of assisting people with disabilities achieve maximum personal independence through gainful employment, Goodwill employees make American flags sold by RESPECT; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to chapter 287, Florida Statutes, and section 60E-1.005(02), Florida Administrative Code, the County is exempt from the competitive procurement process if it purchases American flags from RESPECT; and

WHEREAS, this Board pays homage to veterans who defended and continue to protect American freedom and supports efforts that help people with disabilities achieve their own freedom and independence; and

WHEREAS, purchasing American flags from Goodwill that are manufactured in Miami-Dade County would satisfy the requirements of section 256.041, Florida Statutes, and support the local economy; and

WHEREAS, this Board wishes to purchase American flags from Goodwill Industries of South Florida, which would directly benefit an agency that employs local residents, many of whom are people with disabilities,

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

Section 1. The foregoing recitals are incorporated in this resolution and are approved.

Section 2. This Board directs the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to: (a) ascertain the feasibility of purchasing American flags for all County-owned buildings and facilities, including those occupied and used by the Public Health Trust, and for all other uses from Goodwill Industries of South Florida; and (b) determine the current inventory and status of all contracts concerning the purchase of American flags to ensure that Miami-Dade County is complying with section 256.041, Florida Statutes.

Section 3. This Board directs the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to provide a report to this Board within 90 days concerning the matters described in Section 1 of this resolution. This Board further directs the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to place the completed report on an agenda of this Board pursuant to Ordinance No. 14-65.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Sally A. Heyman and the Co-Sponsor 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

Jose "Pepe" Diaz

Sally A. Heyman

Dennis C. Moss

Sen. Javier D. Souto

Juan C. Zapata

Daniella Levine Cava

Audrey M. Edmonson

Barbara J. Jordan

Rebeca Sosa

Xavier L. Suarez

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 5th day of October, 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.



Shanika A. Graves

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