

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(3)

TO: Honorable Chairman Esteban L. Bovo, Jr.
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

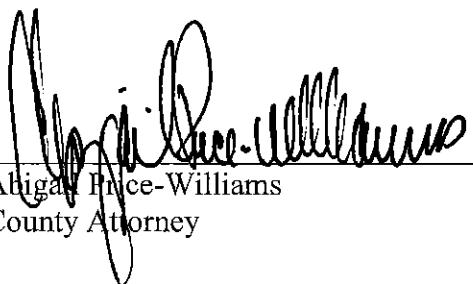
DATE: April 4, 2017

FROM: Abigail Price-Williams
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution setting policy for Miami-Dade County establishing the minimum volunteer age with Miami-Dade Animal Services at 16 years of age and permitting students under 16 years of age who are enrolled in the Veterinary Sciences Program at Felix Varela Senior High School to volunteer at Miami-Dade Animal Services; directing the County Mayor to develop a plan for youth volunteers and report to the Board within 90 days

This item was amended at the 3-15-17 Public Safety and Health Committee to allow students younger than 16 and enrolled in the Veterinary Sciences Program at Felix Varela Senior High School to volunteer, and to make conforming changes to the title.

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Daniella Levine Cava, and the Co-Sponsors are Commissioner Jose "Pepe" Diaz and Commissioner Sally A. Heyman.



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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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4-4-17

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION SETTING POLICY FOR MIAMI-DADE COUNTY ESTABLISHING THE MINIMUM VOLUNTEER AGE WITH MIAMI-DADE ANIMAL SERVICES AT 16 YEARS OF AGE AND PERMITTING STUDENTS UNDER 16 YEARS OF AGE WHO ARE ENROLLED IN THE VETERINARY SCIENCES PROGRAM AT FELIX VARELA SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL TO VOLUNTEER AT MIAMI-DADE ANIMAL SERVICES; DIRECTING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO DEVELOP A PLAN FOR YOUTH VOLUNTEERS AND REPORT TO THE BOARD WITHIN 90 DAYS

WHEREAS, the current minimum age for volunteers at Miami-Dade Animal Services is 18 years of age; and

WHEREAS, youth who volunteer are more socially aware and have a greater sense of community; and

WHEREAS, volunteerism plays an important role in young people becoming active leaders and citizens; and

WHEREAS, youth volunteerism elicits a sense of responsibility toward others and gives young people a sense of belonging and respect for their community; and

WHEREAS, through volunteering, youth can develop the requisite experience, skills, and work ethic for future employment; and

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade Public Schools and many private and charter schools require that students perform volunteer service prior to graduation; and

>>WHEREAS, Felix Varela Senior High School offers a Veterinary Sciences Program for students from ninth to twelfth grade geared toward preparing students for careers in the veterinary sciences; and

WHEREAS, the first-hand experience of volunteering at Miami-Dade Animal Services will further prepare students enrolled in the Veterinary Sciences Program at Felix Varela Senior High School for a career in the veterinary sciences; and¹

WHEREAS, this Board seeks to provide more youth with volunteer opportunities with Miami-Dade ~~[[County]]~~ Animal Services; and

~~[[WHEREAS, changing the minimum volunteer age from 18 years of age to 16 years of age is consistent with this goal; and]]~~

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade Animal Services ~~[[Department]]~~ encourages volunteer participation in meeting their mission of re-homing and caring for abandoned cats and dogs >>;
and

WHEREAS, changing the minimum volunteer age from 18 years of age to 16 years of age and permitting students under 16 years of age who are enrolled in the Veterinary Sciences Program at Felix Varela Senior High School to volunteer at Miami-Dade Animal Services is consistent with this goal^{<<},

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

Section 1. The Board hereby sets policy for Miami-Dade County establishing the minimum volunteer age with Miami-Dade Animal Services at 16 years of age >>and permitting students under 16 years of age who are enrolled in the Veterinary Sciences Program at Felix Varela Senior High School to volunteer at Miami-Dade Animal Services^{<<}.

¹ Committee amendments are indicated as follows: Words stricken through and/or ~~[[double bracketed]]~~ are deleted, words underscored and/or >>double arrowed<< are added.

Section 2. The Board hereby directs the County Mayor to develop a plan and procedures for providing volunteer opportunities for 16 to 18 year olds >>and students under 16 years old who are enrolled in the Veterinary Sciences Program at Felix Varela Senior High School<< consistent with the Board's policy.

Section 3. Within 90 days of the effective date of this resolution, the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee shall prepare a report describing the plan >>providing volunteer opportunities for 16 to 18 year olds and students under 16 years old who are enrolled in the Veterinary Sciences Program at Felix Varela Senior High School<< to the Board and place the completed report on a Board agenda pursuant to Ordinance No. 14-65.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Daniella Levine Cava, and the Co-Sponsors are Commissioner Jose "Pepe" Diaz and Commissioner Sally A. Heyman. 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:

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

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 4th day of April, 2017. 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.



Joni A. Mosely