

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 7(I)

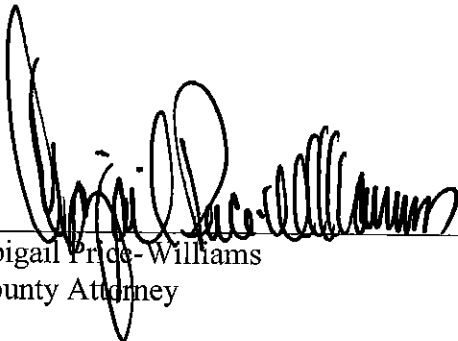
TO: Honorable Chairman Esteban L. Bovo, Jr.
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: (Second Reading 2-6-18)
December 5, 2017

FROM: Abigail Price-Williams
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Ordinance creating the Miami-Dade County Vilomah Award to recognize parents who have been inspired by the memory of a lost child and taken action to positively influence the community; creating section 2-2349 of the Code; providing for criteria and selection process for recipients

The accompanying ordinance was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Joe A. Martinez and Co-Sponsors Vice Chairwoman Audrey M. Edmonson, Commissioner Barbara J. Jordan, Commissioner Jean Monestime, Commissioner Dennis C. Moss and Commissioner Rebeca Sosa.



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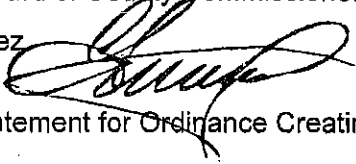
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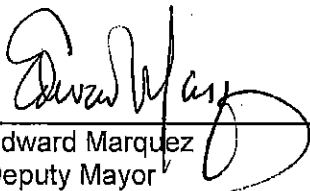
Date: February 6, 2018

To: Honorable Chairman Esteban L. Bovo, Jr.
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From: Carlos A. Gimenez
Mayor 

Subject: Fiscal Impact Statement for Ordinance Creating the Miami-Dade County Vilomah Award

The Office of the Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners will use existing resources from the Protocol Division to administer the award process. Depending on the type of award that Board of County Commissioners decides to present (i.e. paper certificate, plaque, etc.) there may be a fiscal impact. The cost associated with the award(s) for FY 2017-18 would be funded from prior year carryover funds and would be included as part of the budget development process for FY 2018-19.


Edward Marquez
Deputy Mayor

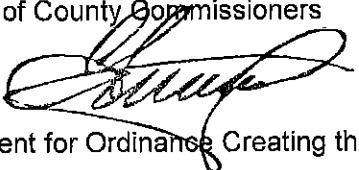
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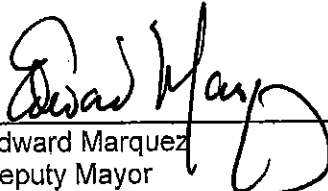
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From: Carlos A. Gimenez
Mayor 

Subject: Social Equity Statement for Ordinance Creating the Miami-Dade County Vilomah Award

Recognizing the courage of parents that have survived the loss of a child/children and taken that loss and turned into positive actions that influence possible legislative change, awareness on how to prevent the loss, and encouragement for other parents experiencing the same loss could result in a positive benefit to the Miami-Dade County community.


Edward Marquez
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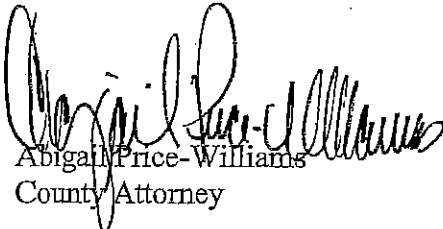


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(Revised)

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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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2-6-18

ORDINANCE NO. _____

ORDINANCE CREATING THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY
VILOMAH AWARD TO RECOGNIZE PARENTS WHO HAVE
BEEN INSPIRED BY THE MEMORY OF A LOST CHILD AND
TAKEN ACTION TO POSITIVELY INFLUENCE THE
COMMUNITY; CREATING SECTION 2-2349 OF THE CODE
OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA; PROVIDING FOR
CRITERIA AND SELECTION PROCESS FOR RECIPIENTS;
PROVIDING SEVERABILITY, INCLUSION IN THE CODE,
AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, the loss of a child is a tragedy that defies the natural order of things because
no parent should ever have to bury their child; and

WHEREAS, in an essay describing her personal struggle to find words to describe her
grief after the death of her son, author Karla Holloway first used the term “vilomah” to describe a
parent who has lost a child; and

WHEREAS, in Sanskrit, the word “vilomah” means “against a natural order”; and

WHEREAS, far too often in Miami-Dade County and elsewhere a child’s life is taken too
soon by an incurable illness, an act of senseless violence, a heartbreaking accident or some other
tragic cause, and a family is left to mourn too early; and

WHEREAS, while no one can ever move on from such a loss, many of these families have
been able to move forward and be inspired by the memory of their loved one to take action that
has positively influenced our community; and

WHEREAS, this Board believes that those families deserve recognition because their
work not only honors the memory of their child, but it also inspires us all,

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF
MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA:**

Section 1. Section 2-2349 of the Code of Miami-Dade County, Florida, is hereby
created to read as follows:

Sec. 2-2349. Vilomah Award.

There is hereby created the Miami-Dade County "Vilomah" Award, which shall be administered by the Board of County Commissioners' Office of the Chair.

- (a) *Criteria for Award.* The Vilomah Award shall be awarded biannually on behalf of the Board to any surviving parent or family member residing in the County who suffered the tragedy of losing a child and has since been inspired by the memory of their child to take action that has positively influenced the community.
- (b) *Procedures for Selection of Award Recipients.* Beginning in 2018 and for each year thereafter, each commissioner may select one candidate from his or her district to receive the Vilomah Award and, in order to be considered, such selection shall be submitted to the Clerk of the Board by no later than the second meeting of the Board in each calendar year. Any such selection shall then be announced by the Board at that meeting. In addition, after the Vilomah Award has been presented to these recipients, each commissioner may select one additional candidate per year from his or her district to receive the Vilomah Award and, in order to be considered, such selection shall be submitted to the Clerk of the Board by no later than the second meeting of the Board after July 1st of each year. Any such additional selection shall then be announced by the Board at that meeting.
- (c) *Presentation of the Award.* For award recipients selected by the Board at the second meeting of the calendar year, the recipient's nominating Commissioner shall present them with the Vilomah Award at the Board's second meeting after March 1st of each year. For award recipients selected by the Board at the second meeting after July 1st, the recipient's nominating Commissioner shall present them with the Vilomah Award at the Board's second meeting after September 1st of each year. The Vilomah Award shall be of appropriate design.

Section 2. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or provision of this ordinance is held invalid, the remainder of this ordinance shall not be affected by such invalidity.

Section 3. It is the intention of the Board of County Commissioners, and it is hereby ordained that the provisions of this ordinance, including any sunset provision, shall become and be made a part of the Code of Miami-Dade County, Florida. The sections of this ordinance may be renumbered or relettered to accomplish such intention, and the word "ordinance" may be changed to "section," "article," or other appropriate word.

Section 4. This ordinance shall become effective ten (10) days after the date of enactment unless vetoed by the Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board.

PASSED AND ADOPTED:

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency:

APW

Prepared by:

MBV

Michael B. Valdes

Prime Sponsor:	Commissioner Joe A. Martinez
Co-Sponsors:	Vice Chairwoman Audrey M. Edmonson
	Commissioner Barbara J. Jordan
	Commissioner Jean Monestime
	Commissioner Dennis C. Moss
	Commissioner Rebeca Sosa