

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(12)

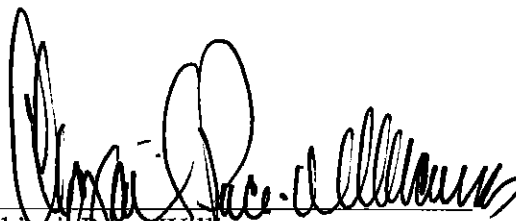
TO: Honorable Chairman Esteban L. Bovo, Jr.
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: July 10, 2018

FROM: Abigail Price-Williams
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution directing the County Mayor to determine the feasibility of a program administered by Miami-Dade Police Department that would allow residents to voluntarily register and make some information about family or household members who have mental or developmental disabilities available to law enforcement officers by informing emergency personnel of certain ailments or conditions prior to their arrival at a call in an effort to better address medical conditions during emergencies and improve interactions between law enforcement and individuals with mental or developmental disabilities; 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 Rebeca Sosa.


Abigail Price-Williams
County Attorney

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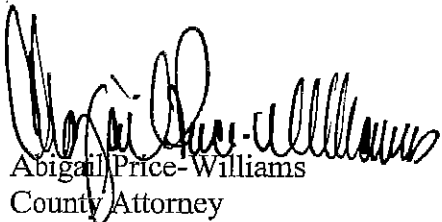


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Please note any items checked.

- ☐ "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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7-10-18

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO DETERMINE THE FEASIBILITY OF A PROGRAM ADMINISTERED BY MIAMI-DADE POLICE DEPARTMENT THAT WOULD ALLOW RESIDENTS TO VOLUNTARILY REGISTER AND MAKE SOME INFORMATION ABOUT FAMILY OR HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS WHO HAVE MENTAL OR DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AVAILABLE TO LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS BY INFORMING EMERGENCY PERSONNEL OF CERTAIN AILMENTS OR CONDITIONS PRIOR TO THEIR ARRIVAL AT A CALL IN AN EFFORT TO BETTER ADDRESS MEDICAL CONDITIONS DURING EMERGENCIES AND IMPROVE INTERACTIONS BETWEEN LAW ENFORCEMENT AND INDIVIDUALS WITH MENTAL OR DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES; AND DIRECTING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO PROVIDE A REPORT

WHEREAS, law enforcement is frequently called upon to provide assistance for all kinds of emergencies, such as criminal, medical, or natural or manmade disasters; and

WHEREAS, officers often encounter victims and suspects of crimes who have mental or developmental disabilities; and

WHEREAS, people with mental disabilities may suffer from delusional, psychotic, violent or nuisance behaviors, homelessness or substance abuse, which can affect their physical health and ability to obtain and hold employment; and

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County is home to the nation's largest percentage of people living with serious mental disabilities in an urban community; and

WHEREAS, many developmental disabilities including, but not limited to, Autism Spectrum Disorders, Cerebral Palsy, Down Syndrome, brain injuries, and intellectual disabilities may impact an individual's daily functioning, and often cause difficulties with language, mobility, learning and independent living, and are usually lifelong; and

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade Police Department officers receive ongoing training to ensure they are equipped to properly interact with the community, including those who have mental or developmental disabilities; and

WHEREAS, the development of a program, with a limited scope and purpose, involving voluntary registration of individuals who have mental or developmental disabilities and identification of certain ailments or conditions that they struggle with would enhance Miami-Dade Police Department officers' abilities to smoothly resolve confrontations or encounters with such registered individuals; and

WHEREAS, the information provided under this program would only be available to Miami-Dade Police Department officers upon dispatch to a registered home for the sole purpose of aiding officers and helping them to provide the best-suited response to the individual and under the circumstances of the call,

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

Section 1. The foregoing recitals are incorporated by reference as if fully set forth herein.

Section 2. Directs the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to determine the feasibility of a program administered by Miami-Dade Police Department that would allow residents to voluntarily register and make some information about family or household members who have mental or developmental disabilities available to law enforcement officers by informing emergency personnel of certain ailments or conditions prior to their arrival at a call in an effort to better address medical conditions during emergencies and improve interactions between law enforcement and individuals with mental or developmental disabilities.

Section 3. Directs the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to provide a report to this Board pursuant to Ordinance No. 14-65 regarding Section 2 above within 30 days of the effective date of this resolution. Such report shall include, but not be limited to the following:

- (1) the type of information that would be obtained for the program;
- (2) the manner that Miami-Dade Police Department would gather and maintain information about registered individuals;
- (3) the manner that the Miami-Dade Police Department would inform Miami-Dade County residents about the program; and
- (4) the manner that Miami-Dade Police Department would use the information provided for the program to assist officers responding to a call involving a registered individual.

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:

Esteban L. Bovo, Jr., Chairman

Audrey M. Edmonson, Vice Chairwoman

Daniella Levine Cava

Jose "Pepe" Diaz

Sally A. Heyman

Eileen Higgins

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 10th day of July, 2018. 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