

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(19)

TO: Honorable Chairwoman Audrey M. Edmonson
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

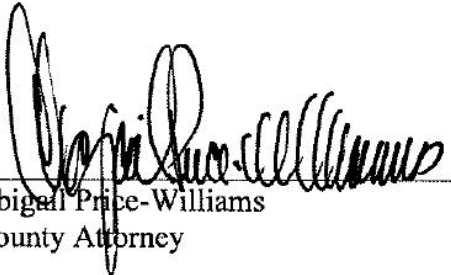
DATE: May 5, 2020

FROM: Abigail Price-Williams
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution directing the County Mayor to prepare and submit a report that analyzes certain race, ethnicity, and other demographic data pertaining to the number of individuals in Miami-Dade County who have tested positive for coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19)

This item was amended at the 4-20-20 Chairwoman's Policy Council to add section 3, which directs the Mayor to prepare a plan to provide additional support and services to aid any particular race, ethnicity, age group, or other demographic group included in the report that has been disproportionately impacted by COVID-19.

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Jean Monestime.


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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 present ____, 2/3 membership ____, 3/5's ____, unanimous ____, CDMP 7 vote requirement per 2-116.1(3)(h) or (4)(c) ____, CDMP 2/3 vote requirement per 2-116.1(3)(h) or (4)(c) ____, or CDMP 9 vote requirement per 2-116.1(4)(c)(2) ____) 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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5-5-20

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT A REPORT THAT ANALYZES CERTAIN RACE, ETHNICITY, AND OTHER DEMOGRAPHIC DATA PERTAINING TO THE NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY WHO HAVE TESTED POSITIVE FOR CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID-19)

WHEREAS, in December 2019, a new coronavirus, known as SARS-CoV-2, that causes an infectious disease named coronavirus disease 2019 ("COVID-19") was first identified in Wuhan, Hubei Province, China; and

WHEREAS, on January 30, 2020, the International Health Regulations Emergency Committee of the World Health Organization ("WHO") declared the outbreak a "public health emergency of international concern"; and

WHEREAS, since its initial identification, COVID-19 has spread rapidly across the world and cases of COVID-19, as well as mortalities from it, are increasing by the day; and

WHEREAS, on March 1, 2020, Governor Ron DeSantis issued Executive Order No. 20-51 in response to COVID-19, directing the State Health Officer and Surgeon General to declare a public health emergency in the state of Florida and directing the State Health Officer to take any action necessary to protect the public health and to follow guidelines established by the Center for Disease Control and Prevention ("CDC") to control the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 9, 2020, Governor DeSantis issued Executive Order No. 20-52, declaring a state of emergency in the state of Florida, designating the Director of the Division of Emergency Management as the State Coordinating Officer for the duration of the emergency, and

delegating the State Coordinating Officer with the authority to exercise the powers delineated in subsections (5) through (10) in section 252.36, Florida Statutes, as needed to meet the emergency; and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, given the rapid spread and severity of the virus, the WHO declared COVID-19 a pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on March 12, 2020, Mayor Carlos A. Gimenez declared a local state of emergency for Miami-Dade County invoking his authority to issue orders to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the community, including possibly imposing a curfew and closing certain businesses; and

WHEREAS, on that same day, Commissioner Jean Monestime transmitted a memorandum to Mayor Gimenez and requested that the County engage in aggressive outreach efforts to educate and disseminate information about COVID-19 to historically vulnerable communities, which include low income, Black, newly immigrated, and other disenfranchised populations; and

WHEREAS, additionally, Commissioner Monestime also requested the Mayor prepare a contingency plan addressing the economic impact of COVID-19 on working parents and partner with local social and religious organizations serving individuals in such communities to facilitate the provision and receipt of medical care; and

WHEREAS, on a daily basis, the Florida Department of Health reports increases in confirmed cases of Florida residents with COVID-19 and in deaths from COVID-19 in Florida; and

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County is global community where different sectors of the community interact regularly through business, entertainment, sports, religious, and social activities; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Monestime's requests would provide direct assistance to its most vulnerable residents as we navigate through COVID-19 and its detrimental health, social, and economic impacts; and

WHEREAS, such direct assistance to our most vulnerable residents would benefit the community as a whole, particularly in light of the highly transmissible nature of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, in an effort to reduce the possibility of mass exposure in Florida, Walt Disney World and Universal Studios announced closures until further notice, schools and universities have temporarily closed in favor of remote learning options, and numerous other large social and community events and gatherings have been cancelled as precautionary measures to protect the community; and

WHEREAS, similarly, on a national front, professional and college sports leagues, including, but not limited to, the National Basketball Association, Major League Baseball, National Collegiate Athletic Association, National Hockey League, and the Professional Golfers' Association have suspended operations; and

WHEREAS, businesses and government offices are continuing to announce new closures daily to ensure the protection of the public health, safety, and welfare as a result of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, despite such herculean and unprecedented efforts to stymie the rampant transmission of COVID-19, nearly 15,000 Floridians have tested positive for the deadly virus as of April 8, 2020 and many more have likely been exposed to it; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 has been reported to have more detrimental consequences to the elderly, individuals who are immunocompromised, and people with preexisting medical conditions, such as diabetes, heart disease, hypertension, and lung diseases; and

WHEREAS, unfortunately, medical research data reveals that many Americans with the noted preexisting conditions and many others, as well as minorities and others who live in marginalized communities who are typically less insured and without great access to medical care, have been severely impacted by COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, in fact, statistics from the states of Louisiana, Michigan, Illinois, and North Carolina, as well as Milwaukee County, Wisconsin, show a disproportionate number of Blacks have contracted or died from COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, specifically in Milwaukee County according to www.propublica.org, as of Friday, April 3, 2020, Blacks, who make up 26 percent of the county's population made up almost half of the county's 945 COVID-19 cases and 81 percent of its 27 deaths; and

WHEREAS, similar statistics were also reported by www.bridgemi.com for Detroit, Michigan where Blacks comprise 79 percent of the population and seven percent of the state's population, but account for an alarming 26 percent of COVID-19 infections and 25 percent of such deaths in the state; and

WHEREAS, in an effort to identify and address inequities in health outcomes in Miami-Dade County, it is imperative that the County track the demographics of individuals infected with COVID-19,

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

Section 1. Directs the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to prepare and submit a report that analyzes certain race, ethnicity, and other demographic data pertaining to the number of individuals in Miami-Dade County who have tested positive for coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19). At a minimum, such report shall include the following information, to the extent it is publicly available:

1. the number of individuals in Miami-Dade County who have tested positive for COVID-19;
2. the number of individuals in Miami-Dade County who have been hospitalized due to COVID-19 or medical conditions exacerbated by COVID-19;
3. the number of individuals in Miami-Dade County whose cause of death is COVID-19 or COVID-19 related; and
4. the age, gender, race, and ethnicity of the individuals described in each of the foregoing categories.

Section 2. Directs the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to provide a report to this Board within 45 days of the effective date of this resolution and to place the completed report on an agenda of the Board pursuant to Ordinance No. 14-65.

>> **Section 3.** If such report reveals that any particular race, ethnicity, age group, or other demographic included therein has been disproportionately impacted by COVID-19, directs the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to prepare a plan to provide additional support and services to aid the affected populations. At a minimum, such plan shall:

1. identify and provide for additional testing locations and services in impacted communities, which shall include, but not be limited to diagnostic and antibody testing;
2. provide assistance with the acquisition and delivery of food, medication, and other household goods and services, as may be necessary; and
3. identify measures that could help reduce the number of individuals infected with COVID-19 in such communities as well as other measures to reduce and prevent the transmission of COVID-19 throughout Miami-Dade County and beyond.<<¹

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Jean Monestime. 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:

Audrey M. Edmonson, Chairwoman
Rebeca Sosa, Vice Chairwoman

Esteban L. Bovo, Jr.	Daniella Levine Cava
Jose "Pepe" Diaz	Sally A. Heyman
Eileen Higgins	Barbara J. Jordan
Joe A. Martinez	Jean Monestime
Dennis C. Moss	Sen. Javier D. Souto
Xavier L. Suarez	

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

The Chairperson thereupon declared this resolution duly passed and adopted this 5th day of May, 2020. 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