

# MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(16)

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

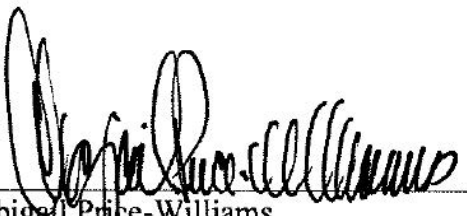
**DATE:** August 31, 2020

**FROM:** Abigail Price-Williams  
County Attorney

**SUBJECT:** Resolution expressing the  
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condolences on the recent  
passing of Martha Flores,  
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The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Vice Chairwoman Rebeca Sosa and Co-Sponsors Commissioner Esteban L. Bovo, Jr., Commissioner Daniella Levine Cava, Commissioner Jose "Pepe" Diaz, Chairwoman Audrey M. Edmonson, Commissioner Sally A. Heyman, Commissioner Eileen Higgins, Commissioner Barbara J. Jordan, Commissioner Joe A. Martinez, Commissioner Jean Monestime, Commissioner Dennis C. Moss, Senator Javier D. Souto and Commissioner Xavier L. Suarez.

  
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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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8-31-20

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE BOARD'S SYMPATHY  
AND CONDOLENCES ON THE RECENT PASSING OF  
MARTHA FLORES, CUBAN EXILE AND LEADING RADIO  
FIGURE KNOWN AS LA REINA DE LA NOCHE (THE QUEEN  
OF THE NIGHT)

**WHEREAS**, Martha Flores was born on December 27, 1928 in Cárdenas, Cuba; and

**WHEREAS**, while in Cuba, Martha Flores studied journalism and stenography, and worked as an administrator in the Agricultural and Industrial Bank of Cuba and also performed administrative work for the Cuban Senate; and

**WHEREAS**, Martha Flores, with so many others, fled the communist regime of Dictator Fidel Castro, arriving by plane in Miami on January 17, 1959; and

**WHEREAS**, Martha Flores established herself as a hardworking and vocal member of the Cuban exile community, working multiple jobs while simultaneously producing a radio segment called *La Voz de la Mujer* (The Woman's Voice), which became one of the earliest voices to speak out against Castro's communist regime in Cuba; and

**WHEREAS**, Martha Flores was the first Cuban woman to host her own radio program in South Florida; and

**WHEREAS**, Martha Flores became a leading figure on the radio, known on Spanish-language radio as La Reina de la Noche (The Queen of the Night), and hosted her flagship program called *La Noche y Usted* (The Night and You); and

**WHEREAS**, over the course of her career, Martha Flores starred on radio for more than six decades and was beloved as a spokesperson not only for the Cuban exile community, but also for vulnerable communities, including the elderly and pets; and

**WHEREAS**, she also was beloved as someone who devoted herself to philanthropy and service; and

**WHEREAS**, Martha Flores's contributions to her community were recognized throughout her life, and in 1996, she was honored with a star on Calle Ocho; and

**WHEREAS**, at the end of her long and storied life, Martha Flores bravely fought pancreatic cancer; and

**WHEREAS**, Martha Flores passed away on July 18, 2020, at the age of 92; and

**WHEREAS**, Martha Flores is survived by her husband, Rosendo Soriano, her son José Acosta, her daughter-in-law Gricel Acosta, and her granddaughters, Chelsea Durán and Jocelyn Janes; and

**WHEREAS**, upon her recent passing, this Board wishes to honor Martha Flores's life and memory through this expression of sympathy and condolences to her family, friends, and loved ones,

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

**Section 1.** Expresses its sympathy and condolences on the passing of Martha Flores, La Reina de la Noche (The Queen of the Night).

**Section 2.** Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit certified copies of this resolution to Martha Flores's family.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Vice Chairwoman Rebeca Sosa and the Co-Sponsors are Commissioner Esteban L. Bovo, Jr., Commissioner Daniella Levine Cava, Commissioner Jose “Pepe” Diaz, Chairwoman Audrey M. Edmonson, Commissioner Sally A. Heyman, Commissioner Eileen Higgins, Commissioner Barbara J. Jordan, Commissioner Joe A. Martinez, Commissioner Jean Monestime, Commissioner Dennis C. Moss, Senator Javier D. Souto, and Commissioner Xavier L. Suarez. 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.

Jose “Pepe” Diaz

Eileen Higgins

Joe A. Martinez

Dennis C. Moss

Xavier L. Suarez

Daniella Levine Cava

Sally A. Heyman

Barbara J. Jordan

Jean Monestime

Sen. Javier D. Souto

The Chairperson thereupon declared this resolution duly passed and adopted this 31<sup>st</sup> day of August, 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.

Anita Viciano Zapata

