

# MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(6)

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**TO:** Honorable Vice Chairwoman Rebeca Sosa  
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

**DATE:** November 19, 2020

**FROM:** Geri Bonzon-Keenan  
Successor County Attorney

**SUBJECT:** Resolution directing the County Mayor to create Haitian Creole-language programming for Miami-Dade TV on a weekly basis that provides a summary of County news and information; directing County Mayor to ensure, during any locally declared states of emergency, that this weekly programming include current information about the state of emergency and be broadcast at certain primetime hours; directing County Mayor to, if necessary, identify and include adequate funding for this programming in proposed County budgets or budget amendments

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

  
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Geri Bonzon-Keenan  
Successor County Attorney

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

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO CREATE HAITIAN CREOLE-LANGUAGE PROGRAMMING FOR MIAMI-DADE TV ON A WEEKLY BASIS THAT PROVIDES A SUMMARY OF COUNTY NEWS AND INFORMATION; DIRECTING COUNTY MAYOR TO ENSURE, DURING ANY LOCALLY DECLARED STATES OF EMERGENCY, THAT THIS WEEKLY PROGRAMMING INCLUDE CURRENT INFORMATION ABOUT THE STATE OF EMERGENCY AND BE BROADCAST AT CERTAIN PRIMETIME HOURS; DIRECTING COUNTY MAYOR TO, IF NECESSARY, IDENTIFY AND INCLUDE ADEQUATE FUNDING FOR THIS PROGRAMMING IN PROPOSED COUNTY BUDGETS OR BUDGET AMENDMENTS

**WHEREAS**, Miami-Dade County is home to a multi-ethnic community, and 70 percent of County residents speak a primary language other than English; and

**WHEREAS**, the Haitian Creole, English, and Spanish languages are deeply rooted in the historical and current culture of the County; and

**WHEREAS**, this Board recognizes that providing important news and information to all members of our multi-ethnic community is an important and essential responsibility; and

**WHEREAS**, for example, this Board recently established a policy that the County shall have Haitian Creole, Spanish, and sign language interpreters at countywide emergency announcements and emergency press conferences for coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) and future emergency situations; and

**WHEREAS**, in addition, the Miami-Dade Elections Department provides all ballots and election-related materials in English, Spanish, and Haitian Creole, and Miami-Dade County Public Schools recently published its guide for reopening schools in all three languages as well to ensure that all County residents, regardless of their primary language, have the ability to receive the same essential information; and

**WHEREAS**, Miami-Dade TV is a Public, Education and Government channel created to inform and educate residents and visitors about County government services, events and programs, as well as public safety, arts and culture, public transportation and the environment; and

**WHEREAS**, this Board believes that all members of the County's multi-ethnic community should be provided with the valuable and vital County news and information that is broadcast on Miami-Dade TV; and

**WHEREAS**, Miami-Dade TV can also be used as an effective way to disseminate vital information during a locally declared state of emergency in an easily accessible and understandable format to County residents who speak a primary language other than English,

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

**Section 1.** This Board directs the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to use legally available funding to create Haitian Creole-language programming for Miami-Dade TV on a weekly basis that provides a summary of County news and information. To the maximum extent possible, this weekly programming shall be no less than two hours and broadcast no fewer than five times per week. If the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee is unable to create and broadcast this weekly programming using current funding, the County Mayor or Mayor's designee is directed to identify and include adequate funding for this programming as part of the first mid-year budget amendment, end-of-year budget amendment, or proposed county budget that is presented to this Board after the effective date of this resolution. The County Mayor or County Mayor's designee is further directed to include adequate funding for this programming as part of any proposed county budgets in the future.

**Section 2.** During any locally declared states of emergency, such as the COVID-19 pandemic or an approaching hurricane, this Board further directs the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to use legally available funding to ensure that the weekly Haitian Creole-

language programming described in Section 1 includes current information about the state of emergency. To the maximum extent possible, such programming shall be broadcast no fewer than two times per week during the hours of 8:00 PM to 11:00 PM. If necessary, the County Mayor or Mayor's designee is also directed to identify and include adequate funding for this programming as part of the first mid-year budget amendment, end-of-year budget amendment, or proposed county budget that is presented to this Board after the effective date of this resolution. The County Mayor or County Mayor's designee is further directed to include adequate funding for this programming as part of any proposed county budgets in the future.

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:

Rebeca Sosa, Vice Chairwoman

Jose "Pepe" Diaz  
Oliver G. Gilbert, III  
Sally A. Heyman  
Joe A. Martinez  
Jean Monestime  
Sen. Javier D. Souto

Sen. René García  
Keon Hardemon  
Eileen Higgins  
Kionne L. McGhee  
Raquel A. Regalado  
District 8 - Vacant


The Chairperson thereupon declared this resolution duly passed and adopted this 19<sup>th</sup> day of November, 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.

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of the letters 'MBV' in a stylized, cursive-like font, positioned over a horizontal line.

Michael B. Valdes