

# MEMORANDUM

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Agenda Item No. 2(A)

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**TO:** Honorable Chairman Jose "Pepe" Diaz  
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

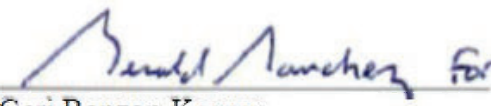
**DATE:** May 13, 2021

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

**SUBJECT:** Resolution establishing County policy that County residents should be allowed to use County-approved Community IDs as an acceptable form of identification for County services whenever practicable; directing the County Mayor to identify all County services where it is practicable for a Community ID to be utilized as an acceptable form of identification, to develop and implement a plan to effectuate this policy as soon as practicable, and to provide a report

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

  
Geri Bonzon-Keenan  
County Attorney

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# MEMORANDUM

(Revised)

**TO:** Honorable Chairman Jose "Pepe" Diaz  
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

**DATE:** June 2, 2021

**FROM:**   
Gen Bonzon-Keenan  
County Attorney

**SUBJECT:** Agenda Item No.

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 \_\_\_\_\_

Agenda Item No.

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

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING COUNTY POLICY THAT COUNTY RESIDENTS SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO USE COUNTY-APPROVED COMMUNITY IDS AS AN ACCEPTABLE FORM OF IDENTIFICATION FOR COUNTY SERVICES WHENEVER PRACTICABLE; DIRECTING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO IDENTIFY ALL COUNTY SERVICES WHERE IT IS PRACTICABLE FOR A COMMUNITY ID TO BE UTILIZED AS AN ACCEPTABLE FORM OF IDENTIFICATION, TO DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT A PLAN TO EFFECTUATE THIS POLICY AS SOON AS PRACTICABLE, AND TO PROVIDE A REPORT

**WHEREAS**, many Miami-Dade County residents, including, but not limited to, elderly individuals, formerly-incarcerated persons, foster youth, homeless persons, transgender persons, and immigrants lacking proper documentation to obtain a government-issued identification do not have access to various forms of identification and sometimes may have difficulty proving that they reside in the County; and

**WHEREAS**, having an identification card that provides proof of residency could assist residents in (i) obtaining access to county, municipal, school and health system services, (ii) granting the ability to reserve government facilities, such as tennis courts, community centers, and other County or municipal facilities, or (iii) allowing residents to enroll in government-sponsored programs; and

**WHEREAS**, the COVID-19 crisis highlighted this problem when, in many cases, residents of the County had to prove their residency to access testing or vaccines; and

**WHEREAS**, this Board, through Resolution No. R-738-15, directed the County Mayor to study the feasibility and benefits of issuing identification cards to Miami-Dade County residents; and

**WHEREAS**, the report outlined a set of “Municipal ID Card Program Best Practices”; and

**WHEREAS**, other communities around the country have partnered with community-based organizations to support the creation of a “Community ID,” which would be administered through the community-based organization but nevertheless recognized as an acceptable form of identification for various County services; and

**WHEREAS**, for example, the Legal Aid Society of Palm Beach County has recently rolled out a Community ID initiative that enables residents to obtain a photo identification card that is recognized as an acceptable form of identification when obtaining services in the cities of West Palm Beach, Lake Worth, and Belle Glade; and

**WHEREAS**, in addition, in April 2021, the Broward County Commission approved legislation creating a similar program to enable residents to obtain a photo identification card that is recognized as an acceptable form of identification to access County services; and

**WHEREAS**, this Board finds that a similar approach should be taken in Miami-Dade County and that every effort should also be taken to encourage municipalities and local businesses in the county to accept a “Community ID” as an acceptable form of identification in all circumstances where it would be appropriate,

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

**Section 1.** This Board hereby establishes as its policy that County residents should be allowed to use County-approved Community IDs as an acceptable form of identification for County services whenever practicable.

**Section 2.** This Board directs the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to (1) identify all County services where it is practicable for a County-approved Community ID to be utilized as an acceptable form of identification, (2) develop a plan for the acceptance of a County-approved Community ID at all such-identified County services in accordance with the "Municipal ID Card Program Best Practices" outlined in the County Mayor's report in response to Resolution No. R-738-15 and, using legally available funding sources, (3) implement such plan as soon as practicable but no later than January 2022. Such plan shall include, at a minimum, (1) applicable standards or requirements that a Community ID would need to meet relating to card design and security, acceptable documents for proof of residency, privacy protections, fees that can be charged by the community-based organization, and information included on the Community ID; (2) selection of a community-based organization that is willing to administer a Community ID on a County-wide basis that would meet the applicable standards or requirements described above and serve as a model for how a Community ID can be implemented in the County; (3) assistance to the selected community-based organization in identifying and obtaining potential grant funding to assist in the administration of the Community ID program; (4) a procedure for obtaining County approval for a Community ID for use as an acceptable form of identification for various County services upon meeting the applicable standards or requirements described above; and (5) methods to promote the use of the Community ID in Miami-Dade County including providing encouragement to municipalities and local businesses to accept a "Community ID" as an acceptable form of identification in all circumstances where it would be appropriate.

**Section 3.** This Board further directs the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to submit a report describing the plan required by section 2 above to this Board within 120 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.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Eileen Higgins. 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:

Jose "Pepe" Diaz, Chairman	
Oliver G. Gilbert, III, Vice-Chairman	
Sen. René García	Keon Hardemon
Sally A. Heyman	Danielle Cohen Higgins
Eileen Higgins	Joe A. Martinez
Kionne L. McGhee	Jean Monestime
Raquel A. Regalado	Rebeca Sosa
Sen. Javier D. Souto	

The Chairperson thereupon declared this resolution duly passed and adopted this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of June, 2021. 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.

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Michael B. Valdes