

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(14)


TO: Honorable Chairman Anthony Rodriguez
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: February 18, 2026

FROM: Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution urging the Florida Legislature to enact SB 482 and HB 1395, entitled the "Artificial Intelligence Bill of Rights", or similar legislation designed to provide protections for artificial intelligence consumers while ensuring the right of all Florida residents to utilize artificial intelligence technology

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Senator René García.



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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 ____, majority plus one ____, 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) ____, 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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2-18-26

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO ENACT SB 482 AND HB 1395, ENTITLED THE “ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE BILL OF RIGHTS”, OR SIMILAR LEGISLATION DESIGNED TO PROVIDE PROTECTIONS FOR ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE CONSUMERS WHILE ENSURING THE RIGHT OF ALL FLORIDA RESIDENTS TO UTILIZE ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE TECHNOLOGY

WHEREAS, artificial intelligence (“AI”) is a revolutionary form of technology that enables computers and other machines to simulate intelligent human behavior such as learning, perception, reasoning, problem-solving, and decision-making; and

WHEREAS, many AI technologies are autonomously capable of performing complex tasks that have traditionally required human intelligence; and

WHEREAS, the utilization of AI presents unparalleled opportunities to address current labor shortages by automating certain routine tasks, increasing productivity and operational efficiency, and enabling the reallocation of human resources to higher-value activities, thus promoting economic growth and prosperity; and

WHEREAS, despite such promising potential, the unregulated use of AI threatens to create significant risks to AI consumers throughout Miami-Dade County, the State of Florida, the United States of America, and across the world; and

WHEREAS, several states and localities have introduced or adopted legislation governing the use of AI technology; and

WHEREAS, the State of New York has enacted the Responsible AI Safety and Education (“RAISE”) Act which, among other protections, imposes safety, security, and risk protocols for large-scale AI models, mandatory safety incident reporting, and retaliation protections for AI employees who disclose safety risks; and

WHEREAS, through Resolution No. R-659-23 and subsequent reports issued by Mayor Daniella Levine Cava, Miami-Dade County has developed a series of guidelines governing the use of AI technology by County Departments and employees including data security and privacy measures, risk management protocols, procurement guidelines, and training programs; and

WHEREAS, on December 12, 2025, Florida Senator Tom Leek (R – St. Augustine) filed Senate Bill 482 (“SB 482”) for consideration during the 2026 session of the Florida Legislature; and

WHEREAS, on January 9, 2026, Florida Representative Alex Rizo (R – Hialeah) filed House Bill 1395 (“HB 1395”) for consideration during the 2026 session of the Florida Legislature; and

WHEREAS, SB 482 and HB 1395, identical bills creating the “Artificial Intelligence Bill of Rights,” provide a comprehensive proposal to implement AI protections in the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, among other protections, the bills propose safeguards for child-aged AI consumers, mandatory consumer disclosures, a prohibition on the sale or disclosure of certain personal user information by AI technology, a civil penalty for the unauthorized use of one’s name, image, or likeness through AI technology, and limitations on government contracting for certain AI technology tied to foreign governments; and

WHEREAS, in addition to such protections, the bills codify the right for all Floridians to use AI to improve their quality of life; and

WHEREAS, this Board recognizes the importance of addressing ethical considerations and safeguarding data privacy in AI implementation and prioritizing responsible and accountable use of AI technology while protecting the well-being and rights of its residents and individuals across the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, in furtherance of such recognition, this Board wishes to support SB 482, HB 1395, Governor Ron DeSantis, Florida Senator Tom Leek, Florida Representative Alex Rizo, and other lawmakers in the Florida Legislature advocating for critical AI protections throughout the State of Florida,

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

Section 1. Urges the Florida Legislature to enact SB 482 and HB 1395, entitled the “Artificial Intelligence Bill of Rights”, or similar legislation designed to provide protections for AI consumers while ensuring the right of all Florida residents to utilize artificial intelligence technology.

Section 2. Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the Governor, Florida Senator Thomas J. Leek, Florida Representative Alex Rizo, the President of the Florida Senate, the Florida House Speaker, and the Chair and remaining Members of the Miami-Dade County State Legislative Delegation.

Section 3. Directs the County’s state lobbyists to advocate for the passage of the legislation set forth in Section 1 above, and authorizes and directs the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs to amend the 2026 State Legislative Package to include this item.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Senator René García. 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:

Anthony Rodriguez, Chairman	
Kionne L. McGhee, Vice Chairman	
Marleine Bastien	Juan Carlos Bermudez
Sen. René García	Oliver G. Gilbert, III
Roberto J. Gonzalez	Keon Hardemon
Danielle Cohen Higgins	Vicki L. Lopez
Natalie Milian Orbis	Raquel A. Regalado
Micky Steinberg	

The Chairperson thereupon declared this resolution duly passed and adopted this 18th day of February, 2026. 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

JUAN FERNANDEZ-BARQUIN, CLERK

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.



Nicholas P. Tricarico
Javier Zapata