

MEMORANDUM

PC
Agenda Item No. 2(B)

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

DATE: June 8, 2026

FROM: Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution designating the
American flamingo as the official
bird of Miami-Dade County

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Natalie Milian Orbis.



Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

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MEMORANDUM
(Revised)

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

DATE: July 21, 2026

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**
- _____ **Requires more than a majority vote (i.e., 2/3’s present ____, 2/3 membership ____, 3/5’s ____, unanimous ____, majority plus one ____, CDMP 7 votes (majority of membership) ____, CDMP 2/3 members present but not less than 7 votes (majority of membership) ____, CDMP 9 votes (2/3 membership) _____) to approve**
- _____ **Current information regarding funding source, index code and available balance, and available capacity (if debt is contemplated) required**

Approved _____ Mayor

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Veto _____

Override _____

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE AMERICAN FLAMINGO
AS THE OFFICIAL BIRD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY

WHEREAS, the American flamingo (*Phoenicopterus ruber*), also called the Caribbean flamingo, is one of the largest flamingo species in the world and stands approximately five feet tall; and

WHEREAS, the American flamingo, with its luminous pink plumage and characteristic tall, graceful poise, is iconic in its association with the state of Florida; and

WHEREAS, in the 1800s, large flocks of American flamingos foraged in the Florida Keys and Florida Bay, with some observed by famed ornithologist John James Audubon; and

WHEREAS, American flamingos are historical residents of Florida, but overhunting around the turn of the 20th century resulted in their disappearance from the state; and

WHEREAS, by 1925, captive breeding in South Florida had reintroduced them to the state and there is evidence that some flamingos migrated to Florida on their own throughout the 1900s; and

WHEREAS, today, American flamingos can be observed along much of the Florida coast, although they are most commonly seen in Hialeah, the Everglades, Biscayne Bay, and the Florida Keys; and

WHEREAS, this Board wishes to proclaim the American flamingo as the official bird of Miami-Dade County,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that this Board hereby designates the American flamingo as the official bird of Miami-Dade County.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Natalie Milian Orbis. 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 21st day of July, 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.



Cristina M. Rabionet