

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(2)

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

DATE: June 16, 2026

FROM: Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution urging all municipalities
within Miami-Dade County to illuminate
their city halls and/or municipal
buildings with visible red, white, and
blue lighting on July 4, 2026, in
recognition of the 250th anniversary of
the United States' founding

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



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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**
- 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
Veto _____
Override _____

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6-16-26

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION URGING ALL MUNICIPALITIES WITHIN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY TO ILLUMINATE THEIR CITY HALLS AND/OR MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS WITH VISIBLE RED, WHITE, AND BLUE LIGHTING ON JULY 4, 2026, IN RECOGNITION OF THE 250TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE UNITED STATES' FOUNDING

WHEREAS, every July 4th we celebrate Independence Day, honoring the birth and founding of the United States of America through the adoption of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776; and

WHEREAS, this year marks the 250th anniversary of the founding of the United States of America, a hallmark of enduring liberty and democracy for the nation and its people; and

WHEREAS, in anticipation of this historic milestone, the federal government, the State of Florida, and the County have launched a series of programs aimed to engage, inspire, and unite all Americans in reflecting on our country's heritage and traditions to shape our shared future; and

WHEREAS, the celebration of the 250th anniversary of the United States of America should not be limited to a stage or a speech, but should live throughout the County's homes, streets, and neighborhoods, uniting cities, schools, veterans, educators, faith leaders, and community organizations in a countywide tribute to the founding ideals that define our nation; and

WHEREAS, this American holiday is traditionally celebrated each year through patriotic displays of red, white, and blue symbolizing our nation and its flag, along with parades, fireworks, and backyard barbecues; and

WHEREAS, the County is home to 34 incorporated municipalities, cities, towns, and villages whose communities together reflect the diversity and character of the County; and

WHEREAS, in furtherance of the County’s efforts to encourage countywide participation in this celebration, this Board believes that such goals will be advanced through coordinated displays of red, white, and blue in each municipality’s city halls and/or municipal buildings on July 4, 2026,

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

Section 1. Urges all municipalities within Miami-Dade County to illuminate their city halls and/or municipal buildings with visible red, white, and blue lighting on July 4, 2026, in recognition of the 250th anniversary of the United States’ founding.

Section 2. Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit certified copies of this resolution to the Mayors and City Councils or City Commissions of all the municipalities within 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 16th day of June, 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.

CSL

Christian Sanchez Leon