

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 14(A)(1)

TO: Honorable Chairman Jean Monestime
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: April 21, 2015

FROM: R. A. Cuevas, Jr.
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution declaring the month
of April beginning in April 2015
and each year thereafter as Fair
Housing Month
Resolution No. R-358-15

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Daniella Levine Cava.



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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
- 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 _____, 3/5's _____, unanimous _____) 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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4-21-15

RESOLUTION NO. R-358-15

RESOLUTION DECLARING THE MONTH OF APRIL
BEGINNING IN APRIL 2015 AND EACH YEAR
THEREAFTER AS FAIR HOUSING MONTH

WHEREAS, Fair Housing Month is celebrated each April across the United States in commemoration of the enactment of Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (the "Fair Housing Act") which was passed on April 11, 1968, one week after the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.; and

WHEREAS, the Fair Housing Act initially prohibited housing discrimination based on race, color, national origin and religion with the goals of eliminating housing discrimination and creating equal opportunities in housing choices for citizens in every community throughout the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Fair Housing Act, as amended in 1988, prohibits housing discrimination, in any aspect of the sale, rental and financing of dwellings on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, disability, familial status and national origin; and

WHEREAS, the Fair Housing Act's coverage among other things (1) extends to private housing, housing that receives federal financial assistance and state and local government housing, (2) requires owners of housing facilities to make reasonable accommodations and/or modifications in their policies and procedures to afford persons with disabilities equal housing opportunities, (3) encompasses zoning practices, new construction design and advertising, and (4) affords protection to individuals discriminated against and persons associated with those individuals; and

WHEREAS, this Board, in the exercise of its police powers related to public safety, health and general welfare to eliminate and prevent discrimination adopted the County's Fair Housing Ordinance in 1969, now Section 11A-12 *et seq.* of the Code of Miami-Dade County, as amended (the "County's Fair Housing Ordinance"); and

WHEREAS, although the County's Fair Housing Ordinance affords the same protections found in the Fair Housing Act, it is also much broader in scope than the Fair Housing Act by encompassing more protected classes than the Fair Housing Act, including race, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, sex, pregnancy, age, disability, marital status, familial status, gender identity or gender expression, sexual orientation, source of income and status as a victim of domestic violence, dating violence and stalking; and

WHEREAS, this Board believes that every American has the right to live with dignity in any area they desire without fear of discrimination and hostility; and

WHEREAS, this Board is proud of its commitment to fair housing, recognizes the need to affirmatively promote fair housing in its policies and practices and will continue to work to identify and remove impediments to fair housing choices,

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

Section 1. Incorporates and approves the foregoing recitals as if fully set forth herein.

Section 2. Declares that the month of April beginning in April 2015 and each year thereafter shall be observed as Fair Housing Month.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Daniella Levine Cava. It was offered by Commissioner **Barbara J. Jordan**, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **Esteban L. Bovo, Jr.** and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

	Jean Monestime, Chairman	aye
	Esteban L. Bovo, Jr., Vice Chairman	aye
Bruno A. Barreiro	aye	Daniella Levine Cava aye
Jose "Pepe" Diaz	aye	Audrey M. Edmonson aye
Sally A. Heyman	aye	Barbara J. Jordan aye
Dennis C. Moss	aye	Rebeca Sosa aye
Sen. Javier D. Souto	absent	Xavier L. Suarez aye
Juan C. Zapata	absent	

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 21st day of April, 2015. 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: **Christopher Agrippa**
Deputy Clerk



Approved by County Attorney as to form and legal sufficiency.

Shanika A. Graves