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MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(8)

TO:	Honorable Chairman Jean Monestime and Members, Board of County Commissioners	**DATE:**	December 15, 2015
FROM:	Abigail Price-Williams County Attorney	**SUBJECT:**	Resolution urging the United States Congress to amend the Uniform Time Act and make Daylight Savings Time permanent

Resolution No. R-1165-15

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Sally A. Heyman.

Abigail Price-Williams
County Attorney

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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 ____, 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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RESOLUTION NO. R-1165-15

RESOLUTION URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO AMEND THE UNIFORM TIME ACT AND MAKE DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME PERMANENT

WHEREAS, Daylight Savings Time was first adopted by areas within the United States during World War I and World War II to help preserve fuel for the nation's war effort; and

WHEREAS, in 1966, the United States Congress passed the Uniform Time Act, 15 U.S.C. 260a(a), to standardize the implementation and length of Daylight Savings Time across the country; and

WHEREAS, in 2005, Congress passed the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (Pub. L. 109-58) which amended the Uniform Time Act and extended Daylight Savings Time so that it now ran four weeks longer (i.e., from the second Sunday of March to the first Sunday of November rather than from the first Sunday of April to the last Sunday of October); and

WHEREAS, as a result, the United States already spends approximately eight months of the year in Daylight Savings Time; and

WHEREAS, there is considerable evidence showing that making Daylight Savings Time permanent would provide numerous benefits; and

WHEREAS, the Energy Policy Act of 2005 also required the United States Department of Energy to evaluate the impact of extending Daylight Savings Time on energy consumption in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Energy's report found that there was a net savings in total electricity use and energy consumption as a result of extending Daylight Savings Time; and

WHEREAS, a study from researchers at the Brookings Institution and Cornell University ("Brookings/Cornell study") that analyzed the impact of extending Daylight Savings Time found that the additional three weeks of Daylight Savings Time in the Spring resulted in more daylight during typical high-crime hours and, in 2007 alone, produced a net reduction of crime including an average 7 percent reduction in robbery rates; and

WHEREAS, the reduction in crime during the three weeks examined in the Brookings/Cornell study amounted to an estimated savings to the country of $246 million; and

WHEREAS, the Brookings/Cornell study concluded that the possible reduction in crime produced by a year-round expansion of Daylight Savings Time could yield social savings of several billion dollars annually; and

WHEREAS, other studies have found that a year-long Daylight Savings Time could also result in an increase in daily exercise by children and a reduction in traffic-related deaths, especially for pedestrians; and

WHEREAS, this Board believes that it would be in the public interest to create the potential for even further reductions in energy consumption, crime, and traffic-related deaths by making Daylight Savings Time permanent,

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

Section 1. Urges the United States Congress to amend the Uniform Time Act and make Daylight Savings Time permanent.

Section 2. Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit certified copies of this resolution to the members of the Florida Congressional Delegation.

Section 3. Directs the County's federal lobbyists to advocate for the issues identified in Section 1 above, and authorizes and directs the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs to include this item in the 2016 federal legislative package when it is presented to the Board.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Sally A. Heyman. It was offered by Commissioner **Esteban L. Bovo, Jr.**, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **José "Pepe" Diaz** 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	**absent**
Sally A. Heyman	**absent**	Barbara J. Jordan	**aye**
Dennis C. Moss	**absent**	Rebeca Sosa	**absent**
Sen. Javier D. Souto	**aye**	Xavier L. Suarez	**aye**
Juan C. Zapata	**absent**		

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 15th day of December, 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. MBV

Michael B. Valdes