OFFICIAL FILE COPY
CLERK OF THE BOARD
OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(17)

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

DATE: February 2, 2016

FROM: Abigail Price-Williams
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution directing the County Mayor to prepare and submit a written report to the Board describing Miami-Dade County's efforts in support of autism-related causes over the preceding 10 years, and describing any planned future events or expenditures in support of autism-related causes

Resolution No. R-142-16

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Senator Javier D. Souto.

Abigail Price-Williams
County Attorney

APW/lmp

MEMORANDUM

(Revised)

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

DATE: February 2, 2016

FROM: Abigail Price-Williams
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Agenda Item No. 11(A)(17)

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 _____

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(17)
2-2-16

RESOLUTION NO. R-142-16

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT A WRITTEN REPORT TO THE BOARD DESCRIBING MIAMI-DADE COUNTY'S EFFORTS IN SUPPORT OF AUTISM-RELATED CAUSES OVER THE PRECEDING 10 YEARS, AND DESCRIBING ANY PLANNED FUTURE EVENTS OR EXPENDITURES IN SUPPORT OF AUTISM-RELATED CAUSES

WHEREAS, autism and autism spectrum disorder are general terms that are used to describe brain developmental disorders that are characterized, in varying degrees, by difficulties in social interaction, verbal and nonverbal communication, and repetitive behaviors; and

WHEREAS, according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, approximately 1 in 68 American children are on the autism spectrum—a statistic that represents a ten-fold increase in prevalence over the last 40 years; and

WHEREAS, in addition to its effect on children, autism impacts over 3 million persons in the United States and tens of millions of people around the world—statistics which are also on the rise at rates between 10 to 17 percent; and

WHEREAS, in order to stem the rising tide of autism, both in the United States and around the world, additional funding is necessary—not only to improve the quality of medical care that is provided to those who live with autism, but also to provide for the education and vocational training of those same persons; and

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County has shown itself to be a strong supporter of causes that assist those who live with autism, such as by annually hosting the Miami International Agriculture, Horse and Cattle Show, which benefits the South Florida Autism Charter School;

enacting legislation in support of the wallet card, which will help facilitate better communication between persons with autism spectrum disorder and law enforcement officers and first responders (Resolution R-1112-15); urging Congress and the Florida legislature to increase funding for autism spectrum disorder research (Resolution R-238-15); and providing in-kind support for various events in support of autism-related causes; and

WHEREAS, in order to document its past efforts with respect to autism, and in order to identify potential opportunities for additional support of autism-related causes, this Board desires to direct the County Mayor or designee to prepare a report identifying all of the County's efforts in support of autism-related causes over the preceding 10 years, and the report shall also include any planned future events or expenditures in support of autism-related causes,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that the County Mayor or designee is directed to prepare a written report to the Board describing all of the County's efforts in support of autism-related causes over the preceding 10 years, and describing any planned future events or expenditures in support of autism-related causes. The County Mayor or County Mayor's designee shall provide the report to this Board within 90 days of the effective date of this resolution and shall place the completed report on an agenda of the Board pursuant to Ordinance No. 14-65.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Senator Javier D. Souto. It was offered by Commissioner **Sally A. Heyman**, 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	**aye**
Sally A. Heyman	**aye**	Barbara J. Jordan	**aye**
Dennis C. Moss	**aye**	Rebeca Sosa	**absent**
Sen. Javier D. Souto	**absent**	Xavier L. Suarez	**aye**
Juan C. Zapata	**aye**		

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 2nd day of February, 2016. 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. MAG

Miguel A. Gonzalez