

## MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(26)

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

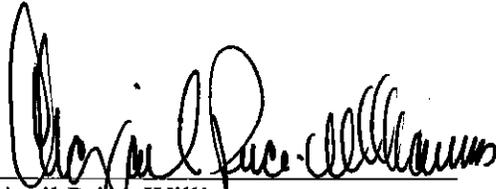
**DATE:** October 5, 2016

**FROM:** Abigail Price-Williams  
County Attorney

**SUBJECT:** Resolution urging the  
Florida Coalition Against  
Domestic Violence to support  
legislation urging the United  
States Congress and Florida  
Legislature to increase fines,  
pass sentence enhancement  
penalties and impose mandatory  
sentencing guidelines for  
offenders convicted of domestic  
violence crimes

Resolution No. R-917-16

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Rebeca Sosa.



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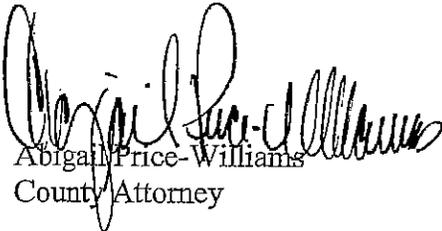
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Please note any items checked.

- "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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10-5-16

RESOLUTION NO. R-917-16

RESOLUTION URGING THE FLORIDA COALITION AGAINST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE TO SUPPORT LEGISLATION URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS AND FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO INCREASE FINES, PASS SENTENCE ENHANCEMENT PENALTIES AND IMPOSE MANDATORY SENTENCING GUIDELINES FOR OFFENDERS CONVICTED OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CRIMES

**WHEREAS**, the Florida Coalition Against Domestic Violence (“Coalition”) is a private non-profit organization that serves as the statewide professional association for Florida’s 42 certified domestic violence centers; and

**WHEREAS**, the Coalition partners with the Florida Department of Children and Families Domestic Violence Program to end domestic violence in Florida and aims to ensure that high quality services and programming exist in the state for survivors of domestic violence and their children; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to section 39.9035, Florida Statutes, the Coalition administers state and federal funding appropriated for, and evaluates all domestic violence services provided by, Florida’s certified domestic violence centers; and

**WHEREAS**, the Coalition provides leadership, advocacy, education, training, technical assistance, and support to certified domestic violence centers, their community partners and other statewide professionals to improve services, practices and polices related to domestic violence; and

**WHEREAS**, on December 1, 2015, this Board adopted Resolution No. R-1124-15, which urged the United States Congress and the Florida Legislature to increase fines, pass sentence enhancement penalties and impose mandatory sentencing guidelines for offenders convicted of domestic violence crimes; and

**WHEREAS**, this Board recognizes that domestic violence is a vicious and pervasive social problem that destabilizes families and threatens every sector of the community; and

**WHEREAS**, the Coalition works closely with Florida's executive and legislative branches of government to create and implement public policy that strengthens penalties for offenders and enhances services for survivors of domestic violence crimes; and

**WHEREAS**, this Board and the Coalition share common goals to end domestic violence and strengthen penalties for offenders, as such this Board seeks the Coalition's support to realize these objectives; and

**WHEREAS**, because the Coalition serves as the primary voice for survivors of domestic violence and their children in the public policy arena, its support would strengthen this Board's call for action; and

**WHEREAS**, in light of the severe physical, emotional and financial impact domestic violence can have on women, children and families, and in an effort to further deter domestic violence and punish offenders, this Board seeks the Coalition's advocacy in urging the United States Congress and the Florida Legislature to increase fines, enhance sentencing penalties and impose minimum mandatory sentencing guidelines for offenders convicted of domestic violence crimes,

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

**Section 1.** Urges the Florida Coalition Against Domestic Violence to support legislation urging the United States Congress and Florida Legislature to increase fines, pass sentence enhancement penalties and impose mandatory sentencing guidelines for offenders convicted of domestic violence crimes.

**Section 2.** Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the Executive Director of the Florida Coalition Against Domestic Violence.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Rebeca Sosa. It was offered by Commissioner **Xavier L. Suarez**, 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	aye
Sen. Javier D. Souto	aye	Xavier L. Suarez	aye
Juan C. Zapata	aye		

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 5<sup>th</sup> day of October, 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.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "S.A. Graves", written over a horizontal line.

Shanika A. Graves