

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(12)

TO: Honorable Chairman Jose "Pepe" Diaz
and Members, Board of County Commissioners


DATE: March 16, 2021

FROM: Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution declaring April
5th through April 12th, 2021
as Dark Sky Week; approving
educational displays in
recognition of Dark Sky Week
in the Stephen P. Clark Center
secured lobby area pursuant to
Resolution No. R-240-16, and
other County owned or operated
buildings and facilities

Resolution No. R-225-21

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



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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 present ____, 2/3 membership ____, 3/5's ____, unanimous ____, CDMP 7 vote requirement per 2-116.1(3)(h) or (4)(c) ____, CDMP 2/3 vote requirement per 2-116.1(3)(h) or (4)(c) ____, or CDMP 9 vote requirement per 2-116.1(4)(c)(2) ____ to approve
- ☐ Current information regarding funding source, index code and available balance, and available capacity (if debt is contemplated) required

Approved *Daniel L. Levine* Mayor
Veto _____
Override _____

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RESOLUTION NO. R-225-21

RESOLUTION DECLARING APRIL 5TH THROUGH APRIL 12TH, 2021 AS DARK SKY WEEK; APPROVING EDUCATIONAL DISPLAYS IN RECOGNITION OF DARK SKY WEEK IN THE STEPHEN P. CLARK CENTER SECURED LOBBY AREA PURSUANT TO RESOLUTION NO. R-240-16, AND OTHER COUNTY OWNED OR OPERATED BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES

WHEREAS, the aesthetic beauty and wonder of a natural night sky is a shared heritage of all humankind; and

WHEREAS, the experience of standing beneath a starry night sky inspires feelings of wonder and awe, and encourages a growing interest in science and nature, especially among young people within the Miami-Dade County community; and

WHEREAS, the opportunity to view star-filled skies attracts tourists to this region and therefore, economic benefit to Miami-Dade County; and

WHEREAS, as such, this board acknowledges the importance of preserving Miami-Dade County's historic heritage and starry night skies; and

WHEREAS, excessive "artificial lighting" at night, including light directed upward into the sky, causes "light pollution" of the nighttime environment; and

WHEREAS, "artificial lighting" is defined as light ranging in wavelength from the ultraviolet to the near-infrared, that is caused, directed, or used by humans for any purpose; and

WHEREAS, "light pollution" is defined as any adverse effect or impact attributable to artificial light at night, and represents a waste of natural resources amounting to at least \$2 billion per year and contributes to diminished energy security; and

WHEREAS, light pollution has scientifically-established economic and environmental consequences, which result in significant impacts to the ecology and human health of all communities, including Miami-Dade County; and

WHEREAS, light pollution within the United States and Miami-Dade County continues to grow at an average annual rate of 3 to 5 percent per year; and

WHEREAS, protecting the night sky helps the Miami-Dade County community improve and maintain its unique sense of place, neighborhood livability, safety, and quality of life; and

WHEREAS, solving the problem of light pollution requires educating governments, communities, and citizens on neighbor and ecological friendly lighting practices, as well as responsible decision-making regarding outdoor lighting that directs light down to where it is needed instead of upward into the sky; and

WHEREAS, the International Dark Sky Association is the recognized authority on light pollution and the leading organization combating light pollution worldwide, with a mission to protect the night from light pollution; and

WHEREAS, the International Dark Sky Association has designated April 5 through April 12, 2021 as "International Dark Sky Week 2021" to help draw awareness to light pollution and its far-reaching effects on all communities by promoting simple solutions to mitigate it,

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 April 5th through April 12th, 2021 as Dark Sky Week.

Section 3. As part of the educational Dark Sky Week activities, approves, in accordance with Resolution No. R-240-16, exhibits for display in the secured area of the Stephen P. Clark Center lobby, and authorizes the use of cultural, historic and/or artistic exhibits, demonstrations or displays located in or at County owned or operated buildings and facilities in observance of Dark Sky Week.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Sally A. Heyman. It was offered by Commissioner **Sally A. Heyman**, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **Rebeca Sosa** and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

	Jose "Pepe" Diaz, Chairman	aye	
	Oliver G. Gilbert, III, Vice-Chairman	aye	
Sen. René García	aye	Keon Hardemon	aye
Sally A. Heyman	aye	Danielle Cohen Higgins	aye
Eileen Higgins	aye	Joe A. Martinez	aye
Kionne L. McGhee	aye	Jean Monestime	aye
Raquel A. Regalado	aye	Rebeca Sosa	aye
Sen. Javier D. Souto	aye		

The Chairperson thereupon declared this resolution duly passed and adopted this 16th day of March, 2021. 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

Melissa Adames

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.

NRB

Nicole Ramos-Barreau