

# MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(7)

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

**DATE:** July 20, 2021

**FROM:** Geri Bonzon-Keenan  
County Attorney

**SUBJECT:** Resolution directing the County  
Mayor to include information for  
neurodivergent individuals and  
other individuals with disabilities  
in County produced emergency  
preparedness guides and  
informational material

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The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Co-Prime Sponsors Commissioner Raquel A. Regalado and Vice-Chairman Oliver G. Gilbert, III.

  
Geri Bonzon-Keenan  
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 \_\_\_\_\_ Mayor  
Veto \_\_\_\_\_  
Override \_\_\_\_\_

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7-20-21

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR  
COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO INCLUDE  
INFORMATION FOR NEURODIVERGENT INDIVIDUALS  
AND OTHER INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES IN  
COUNTY PRODUCED EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS  
GUIDES AND INFORMATIONAL MATERIAL

**WHEREAS**, there is a diverse range of individuals of differing abilities living in Miami-Dade County; and

**WHEREAS**, neurodivergent individuals and other individuals with disabilities may have particular concerns and needs as related to emergency preparedness; and

**WHEREAS**, the County provides emergency preparedness information including the Hurricane Readiness Guide; and

**WHEREAS**, materials and information provided by the County should include information that is relevant and helpful for neurodivergent individuals and other individuals with disabilities such as social stories (a social learning tool that assists individuals in understanding their environment) and information related to shelters that are prepared to deal with the particular needs of neurodivergent individuals and other individuals with disabilities; and

**WHEREAS**, the County espouses inclusivity in its services; and

**WHEREAS**, On January 21, 2021, this Board passed Resolution No. R-59-21 directing the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to enter into an agreement with the University of Miami-Nova Southeastern University Center for Autism and Related Disabilities ("CARD") for the development of a county-wide autism and neurodivergent inclusion program; and

**WHEREAS**, CARD has expressed willingness to assist the County in the development of materials as related to emergency preparedness for neurodivergent individuals; and

**WHEREAS**, this Board wants to ensure that the particular needs and concerns of neurodivergent individuals and individuals with disabilities are addressed, especially as related to emergency preparedness,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA**, that this Board directs the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to immediately begin including information for neurodivergent individuals and other individuals with disabilities in County prepared emergency preparedness guides and informational material. The County Mayor or County Mayor's designee shall coordinate with the University of Miami-Nova Southeastern University Center for Autism and Related Disabilities in the development of the materials.

The Co-Prime Sponsors of the foregoing resolution are Commissioner Raquel A. Regalado and Vice-Chairman Oliver G. Gilbert, III. It was offered by Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_ and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

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

The Chairperson thereupon declared this resolution duly passed and adopted this 20<sup>th</sup> day of July, 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

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as  
to form and legal sufficiency.

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Melanie J. Spencer