

# MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(12)

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

**DATE:** November 1, 2022

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

**SUBJECT:** Resolution declaring August 1 of  
2023 and every subsequent year  
as "Trinidad and Tobago  
Emancipation Day" in Miami-  
Dade County

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The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Kionne L. McGhee.



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(Revised)

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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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11-1-22

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

RESOLUTION DECLARING AUGUST 1 OF 2023 AND EVERY  
SUBSEQUENT YEAR AS “TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO  
EMANCIPATION DAY” IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY

**WHEREAS**, Emancipation Day in Trinidad and Tobago celebrates the day enslaved Africans throughout the British Empire gained liberation from slavery in 1838; and

**WHEREAS**, Trinidad and Tobago was the first nation to declare a national holiday to commemorate the abolishment of African slavery; and

**WHEREAS**, since 1985, Trinidad and Tobago has celebrated Emancipation Day on August 1 as a public holiday filled with African cultural events and exhibitions, as well as processions of music, song, and dance; and

**WHEREAS**, the annual observance of Emancipation Day in Trinidad and Tobago recognizes both the struggle and sacrifice of enslaved Africans and the resiliency and accomplishments of their descendants, many of whom are leaders in their communities; and

**WHEREAS**, Miami-Dade County is home to many Trinbagonian people whose enslaved ancestors gained freedom on August 1, 1838; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board seeks to commemorate the liberation of enslaved Africans in Trinidad and Tobago and to celebrate the culture and achievements of Trinbagonians annually,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA**, that this Board declares August 1 of 2023 and every subsequent year as “Trinidad and Tobago Emancipation Day” in Miami-Dade County.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Kionne L. McGhee. 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	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 1<sup>st</sup> day of November, 2022. 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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Sophia Guzzo  
Shanika A. Graves