

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(7)


TO: Honorable Chairman Oliver G. Gilbert, III
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: September 19, 2023

FROM: Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution declaring October 9,
2023, Miccosukee Day and
every second Monday of every
October thereafter as Indigenous
Peoples' Day in Miami-Dade
County

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Chairman Oliver G. Gilbert, III.



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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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9-19-23

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION DECLARING OCTOBER 9, 2023,
MICCOSUKEE DAY AND EVERY SECOND MONDAY OF
EVERY OCTOBER THEREAFTER AS INDIGENOUS
PEOPLES' DAY IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY

WHEREAS, the Miccosukee Tribe of Indians of Florida (the “Miccosukee”) have lived in Florida since time immemorial; and

WHEREAS, at one point the Miccosukee people inhabited land as far north as the Appalachian Mountains and as far south as the Florida Keys; but many of the Miccosukee had to migrate to the southernmost extent of their historic lands, which were held by fierce resistance throughout a half century of guerrilla warfare, known as the Seminole Wars; and

WHEREAS, the Miccosukee people eventually found refuge and protection from the U.S. Cavalry in the tree islands of the Everglades, where the Miccosukee Tribe was able to heal and restore its population; and

WHEREAS, the Miccosukee people, like many others today, sought refuge in Miami-Dade County; and

WHEREAS, Miccosukee leaders of the last century, such as the Tribe’s first Chairman, Buffalo Tiger, welcomed new immigrants to the region from throughout the Caribbean, and established diplomatic ties with the Miami-Dade County, State of Florida, and United States governments; and

WHEREAS, President John F. Kennedy’s administration extended federal recognition to the Miccosukee Tribe of Indians of Florida in 1962, in appreciation of the Tribe’s diplomatic efforts; and

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County encompasses the ancestral lands of the Miccosukee;
and

WHEREAS, the Miccosukee people have made significant social, political, and economic contributions to Miami-Dade County; and

WHEREAS, the first modern European colonists to arrive on this continent, led by Christopher Columbus, made their arrival in the Caribbean over 530 years ago, which has been memorialized on the second Monday of every October; and

WHEREAS, the result of that expedition and subsequent colonization of the Americas resulted in great harm to Indigenous communities; and

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County is honored to still be home to the Miccosukee people, as it is likewise honored to be home to all Miami-Dade residents of Indigenous descent;
and

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County now sees fit to recognize the endurance and strength of the Miccosukee Tribe of Indians of Florida on the Second Monday of every October,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that this Board declares October 9, 2023, Miccosukee Day, and every second Monday of every October thereafter as Indigenous Peoples' Day in Miami-Dade County.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is 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:

Oliver G. Gilbert, III, Chairman	
Anthony Rodríguez, Vice Chairman	
Marleine Bastien	Juan Carlos Bermudez
Kevin Marino Cabrera	Sen. René García
Roberto J. Gonzalez	Keon Hardemon
Danielle Cohen Higgins	Eileen Higgins
Kionne L. McGhee	Raquel A. Regalado
Micky Steinberg	

The Chairperson thereupon declared this resolution duly passed and adopted this 19th day of September, 2023. 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

JUAN FERNANDEZ-BARQUIN, CLERK

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.



Christian J. Fernandez-Andes