

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(4)

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

DATE: November 7, 2023

FROM: Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution declaring November
18, 2023 and the 18th of
November in each
subsequent year as "Adoption
Day" in Miami-Dade County

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Senator René García and Co-Sponsors Commissioner Marleine Bastien and Commissioner Kionne L. McGhee.


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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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11-7-23

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION DECLARING NOVEMBER 18, 2023 AND THE
18TH OF NOVEMBER IN EACH SUBSEQUENT
YEAR AS “ADOPTION DAY” IN MIAMI-DADE
COUNTY

WHEREAS, November is National Adoption Month; and

WHEREAS, National Adoption Day occurs each November, usually on the Saturday before Thanksgiving; and

WHEREAS, National Adoption Day is a collective effort in which several organizations and cities around the United States hold events and open their courts to finalize and celebrate adoptions; and

WHEREAS, National Adoption Day 2023 is November 18; and

WHEREAS, there are more than 100,000 children waiting to be adopted in the United States; and

WHEREAS, approximately 20,000 youths age out of foster care each year in the United States without being adopted; and

WHEREAS, over 75,000 children have been adopted as a part of National Adoption Day events over the years and around the country; and

WHEREAS, on National Adoption Day, the Miami Children’s Museum typically hosts an event in partnership with the Citrus Family Care Network and judges from the Eleventh Judicial Circuit of Florida, in which adoptions are finalized and families can celebrate together; and

WHEREAS, more than 30 children were adopted in Miami-Dade County on National Adoption Day in 2022; and

WHEREAS, there are dozens of children waiting to be adopted in the child welfare system in Miami-Dade County; and

WHEREAS, fewer than 60 percent of students in foster care graduate from high school; and

WHEREAS, children in foster care are often targeted by sex traffickers; and

WHEREAS, youths who have been in foster care have a disproportionate, higher risk of being involved in the criminal justice system than youths who have not been in foster care; and

WHEREAS, youths in foster care experience teen pregnancy at a higher rate than youths not in foster care; and

WHEREAS, around a quarter of youths who age out of foster care in the United States experience homelessness within a few years of exiting the system; and

WHEREAS, the goal of Adoption Day is to both finalize adoptions and to put a spotlight on the children in foster care who are looking for permanent homes through adoption,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that this Board hereby declares the 18th of November in 2023 and in each subsequent year as “Adoption Day” in Miami-Dade County.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Senator René García, and the Co-Sponsors are Commissioner Marleine Bastien and 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:

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

The Chairperson thereupon declared this resolution duly passed and adopted this 7th day of November, 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.

VNS

Veronica Sanchez