

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 14(A)(1)

TO: Honorable Chairman Anthony Rodriguez
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: January 21, 2026

FROM: Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution congratulating
Fernando Mendoza on winning
the 2025 Heisman Memorial
Trophy and leading the Indiana
Hoosiers to the first-ever
undefeated, sixteen-win season
in the history of the National
Collegiate Athletic Association
Division I Football Bowl
Subdivision

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Chairman Anthony Rodriguez.



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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 ____, majority plus one ____, 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) ____, 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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1-21-26

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING FERNANDO MENDOZA
ON WINNING THE 2025 HEISMAN MEMORIAL TROPHY
AND LEADING THE INDIANA HOOSIERS TO THE FIRST-
EVER UNDEFEATED, SIXTEEN-WIN SEASON IN THE
HISTORY OF THE NATIONAL COLLEGIATE ATHLETIC
ASSOCIATION DIVISION I FOOTBALL BOWL SUBDIVISION

WHEREAS, Fernando Mendoza, a proud native of Miami-Dade County and alumnus of Christopher Columbus High School, has demonstrated exceptional leadership, skill, and sportsmanship as the quarterback for the Indiana University Hoosiers during the 2025-2026 season; and

WHEREAS, Mendoza made history on December 13, 2025, by becoming the first Indiana Hoosier to ever receive the Heisman Memorial Trophy, the highest individual honor in college football; and

WHEREAS, he further distinguished himself as the first player of Cuban heritage to win the award, serving as an inspiration to the Hispanic community and young athletes in his hometown of Miami; and

WHEREAS, Mendoza delivered a season for the ages, leading the nation with 41 passing touchdowns and finishing with 3,349 passing yards and a dominant 90.2 Total Quarterback Rating (QBR); and

WHEREAS, under his steady command, leadership and exceptional skill, the Indiana Hoosiers achieved an undefeated season, capturing the program's first outright Big Ten Championship since 1945 and the first-ever undefeated, sixteen-win season in the history of the National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I Football Bowl Subdivision; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his Heisman Memorial Trophy, Mendoza’s other accolades include being named the Associated Press College Football Player of the Year, and winning the Maxwell, Walter Camp, and Davey O’Brien Awards; and

WHEREAS, his humility and dedication to his teammates, coaches, and “Hoosier Nation” have inspired fans across the country; and

WHEREAS, this Board desires to congratulate Fernando Mendoza on winning the 2025 Heisman Trophy and leading Indiana University to an undefeated season,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that this Board congratulates Fernando Mendoza on winning the 2025 Heisman Memorial Trophy and leading the Indiana Hoosiers to the first-ever undefeated, sixteen-win season in the history of the National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I Football Bowl Subdivision.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Chairman Anthony Rodriguez. 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:

Anthony Rodriguez, Chairman	
Kionne L. McGhee, Vice Chairman	
Marleine Bastien	Juan Carlos Bermudez
Sen. René García	Oliver G. Gilbert, III
Roberto J. Gonzalez	Keon Hardemon
Danielle Cohen Higgins	Vicki L. Lopez
Natalie Milian Orbis	Raquel A. Regalado
Micky Steinberg	

The Chairperson thereupon declared this resolution duly passed and adopted this 21st day of January, 2026. 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.



Michael J. Mastrucci
Christian J. Fernandez-Andes