

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(12)

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

DATE: October 6, 2026

FROM: Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution urging the Florida
Legislature to adopt legislation
requiring autonomous vehicles
operating on public roadways in
the State of Florida to be
registered in Florida and to
display valid Florida license
plates

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsors
Commissioner Natalie Milian Orbis.



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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
- ☐ Requires more than a majority vote (i.e., 2/3's present ____, 2/3 membership ____, 3/5's ____, unanimous ____, majority plus one ____, CDMP 7 votes (majority of membership) ____, CDMP 2/3 members present but not less than 7 votes (majority of membership) ____, CDMP 9 votes (2/3 membership) ____) 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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10-6-26

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO
ADOPT LEGISLATION REQUIRING AUTONOMOUS
VEHICLES OPERATING ON PUBLIC ROADWAYS IN THE
STATE OF FLORIDA TO BE REGISTERED IN FLORIDA AND
TO DISPLAY VALID FLORIDA LICENSE PLATES

WHEREAS, autonomous vehicle technology has advanced rapidly in recent years, and companies such as Waymo and Zoox have tested and deployed autonomous vehicle passenger services in various jurisdictions, including in Miami-Dade County; and

WHEREAS, vehicle registration and licensing requirements serve important public purposes, including facilitating law enforcement activities, promoting accountability, supporting roadway safety, and ensuring compliance with applicable state laws; and

WHEREAS, Florida law currently permits autonomous vehicles to operate on public roadways and provides a framework for the operation of autonomous vehicles within the state, but does not require such vehicles to be registered in the state or to display a valid Florida license plate; and

WHEREAS, requiring autonomous vehicles to be registered in Florida and to display valid Florida license plates would promote consistency in vehicle identification and provide state and local authorities the ability to promptly and reliably ascertain information regarding the ownership and operation of such vehicles; and

WHEREAS, the Board believes that legislation requiring autonomous vehicles operating on public roadways in Florida to be registered in Florida and display valid Florida license plates would further the public interest and would generally enhance accountability and roadway safety,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that this Board:

Section 1. Urges the Florida Legislature to adopt legislation requiring autonomous vehicles operating on public roadways in the State of Florida to be registered in Florida and to display valid Florida license plates.

Section 2. Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit certified copies of this resolution to the Governor, Senate President, House Speaker, and the Chair and Members of the Miami-Dade State Legislative Delegation.

Section 3. Directs the County's state lobbyists to advocate for the action described in section 1 above, and authorizes and directs the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs to include this item in the 2027 State Legislative Package when it is presented to the Board.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Natalie Milian Orbis. 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 6th day of October, 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.

D.P.C

Dale P. Clarke