

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(5)

TO: Honorable Chairwoman Audrey M. Edmonson
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

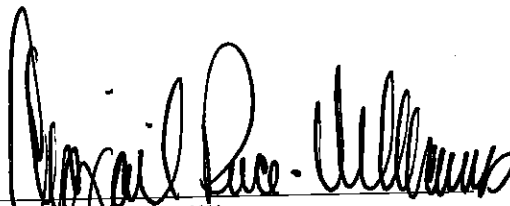
DATE: January 22, 2020

FROM: Abigail Price-Williams
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution urging the United States Congress to enact the Trauma-Informed Modernization of Eldercare for Holocaust survivors Act, S. 2179, H.R. 4077, or similar legislation that would amend the Older Americans Act of 1965 to include Holocaust survivors as individuals authorized to receive benefits, support, and services funded under said Act

Resolution No. R-60-20

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Esteban L. Bovo, Jr.


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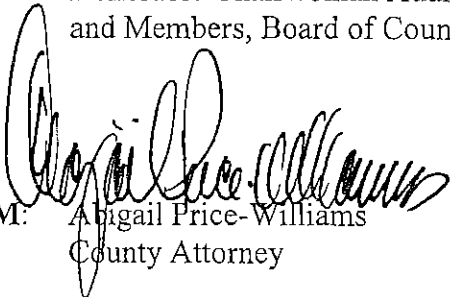


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Please note any items checked.

- ☐ "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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1-22-20

RESOLUTION NO. _____ R-60-20

RESOLUTION URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS
TO ENACT THE TRAUMA-INFORMED MODERNIZATION
OF ELDERCARE FOR HOLOCAUST SURVIVORS ACT, S.
2179, H.R. 4077, OR SIMILAR LEGISLATION THAT WOULD
AMEND THE OLDER AMERICANS ACT OF 1965 TO
INCLUDE HOLOCAUST SURVIVORS AS INDIVIDUALS
AUTHORIZED TO RECEIVE BENEFITS, SUPPORT, AND
SERVICES FUNDED UNDER SAID ACT

WHEREAS, the Holocaust, the state-sponsored systematic persecution and murder of approximately 6 million Jewish people and millions of others, including Romani people, Slavic people, Black people, Jehovah's Witnesses, people with disabilities, and people in same sex relationships, by the Nazis and their collaborators took place from 1933 through 1945; and

WHEREAS, during the Holocaust, more than 200,000 Jewish people fleeing Nazi-occupied territory found refuge in the United States; and

WHEREAS, from 1945 through 1952, almost 140,000 more Jewish refugees settled in the United States and in subsequent decades hundreds of thousands of other Jewish refugees immigrated to the United States; and

WHEREAS, today, there are approximately 80,000 Holocaust survivors living in the United States all of whom are over 70 years old; and

WHEREAS, according to The Blue Card, a non-profit organization that provides financial assistance to needy Holocaust survivors residing in the United States, one-third of Holocaust survivors in the United States live at or below the poverty level and require support for medical care, rent subsidies, food, and other basic needs; and

WHEREAS, the Older Americans Act of 1965 (“Older Americans Act” or the “Act”), the first federal legislation aimed at providing comprehensive services for adults who are generally over the age of 60, was signed into law on July 14, 1965 by President Lyndon B. Johnson; and

WHEREAS, passage of the Older Americans Act was spurred by congressional concerns about the lack of community-based support services for older individuals; and

WHEREAS, the Older Americans Act authorizes a range of home and community-based supportive services, funding, and other support for older adults who have significant social or economic needs to help them age in place in their own homes and communities; and

WHEREAS, specifically, said services and support include, but are not limited to:

- 1) Meals on Wheels, congregate meals, and other nutrition programs;
- 2) in-home services;
- 3) transportation services;
- 4) senior center services;
- 5) legal services;
- 6) elder abuse prevention and vulnerable elder rights protections activities;
- 7) health promotion and disease prevention services;
- 8) Senior Community Service Employment Program; and
- 9) family caregiver support; and

WHEREAS, additionally, according to an April 5, 2019, *AARP* article, in 2018, approximately 11 million people received services such as meals, home care, and transportation through programs funded under the Act; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill (“S.”) 2179 introduced by Senator Benjamin L. Cardin (D - Maryland) on July 18, 2019 and House of Representatives Bill (“H.R.”) 4077 introduced on July 25, 2019 by Representative Debbie Wasserman Schultz (D – Florida) (collectively referred to as the “Trauma-Informed Modernization of Eldercare for Holocaust Survivors Act” or “TIME for Holocaust Survivors Act”) seek to amend the Older Americans Act to add Holocaust survivors to the list of groups that receive preferences for services provided under the Act; and

WHEREAS, specifically, if enacted, the TIME for Holocaust Survivors Act would authorize the wide array of benefits and service programs funded by the Older Americans Act to be provided to Holocaust survivors; and

WHEREAS, amending the Older Americans Act to assist Holocaust survivors would be consistent with Congress’ original intent to support and promote the dignity of older adults by providing services that enable them to remain independent and engaged citizens in their own homes and within their communities with comfort, security, and quality of life,

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

Section 1. Urges the United States Congress to pass legislation to enact the Trauma-Informed Modernization of Eldercare for Holocaust Survivors Act, S. 2179, H.R. 4077, or similar legislation that would amend the Older Americans Act of 1965 to include Holocaust survivors as individuals authorized to receive benefits, supports, and services funded under said Act.

Section 2. Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to Senator Benjamin L. Cardin and Representative Debbie Wasserman Schultz, the Members of the Florida Congressional Delegation, and the Secretary for the United States Department of Health and Human Services.

Section 3. Directs the County's federal lobbyists to advocate for the legislative action set forth in section 1 above, and authorizes and directs the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs to include this item in the 2020 federal legislative package when it is presented to the Board.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Esteban L. Bovo, Jr. It was offered by Commissioner **Esteban L. Bovo, Jr.**, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **Eileen Higgins** and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Audrey M. Edmonson, Chairwoman	aye		
Rebeca Sosa, Vice Chairwoman	aye		
Esteban L. Bovo, Jr.	aye	Daniella Levine Cava	aye
Jose "Pepe" Diaz	aye	Sally A. Heyman	absent
Eileen Higgins	aye	Barbara J. Jordan	aye
Joe A. Martinez	aye	Jean Monestime	aye
Dennis C. Moss	aye	Sen. Javier D. Souto	aye
Xavier L. Suarez	aye		

The Chairperson thereupon declared this resolution duly passed and adopted this 22nd day of January, 2020. 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: Linda L. Cave
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.

Shanika A. Graves