

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(2)

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

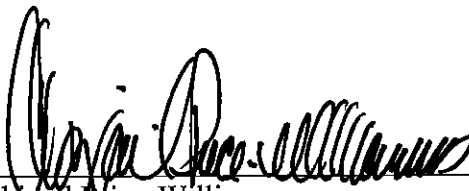
DATE: February 4, 2020

FROM: Abigail Price-Williams
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution declaring the Year 2020 as the Women's Vote Centennial in honor of the 100th Anniversary of the passage of the 19th Amendment to the United States Constitution; and declaring August 26, 2020 as Women's Equality Day in recognition of the ratification of the 19th Amendment; approving displays that are in recognition of the Women's Vote Centennial and Women's Equality Day in the Stephen P. Clark Center secured lobby area pursuant to Resolution No. R-240-16, and other County owned or operated buildings and facilities

Resolution No. R-144-20

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Daniella Levine Cava.


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County Attorney

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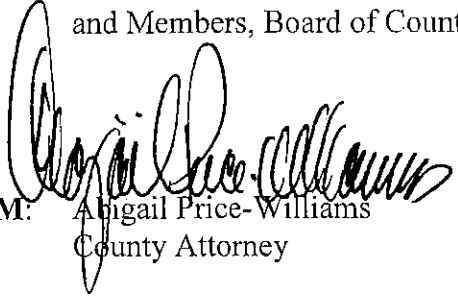


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Please note any items checked.

- ☐ "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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2-4-20

RESOLUTION NO. R-144-20

RESOLUTION DECLARING THE YEAR 2020 AS THE WOMEN'S VOTE CENTENNIAL IN HONOR OF THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PASSAGE OF THE 19TH AMENDMENT TO THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION; AND DECLARING AUGUST 26, 2020 AS WOMEN'S EQUALITY DAY IN RECOGNITION OF THE RATIFICATION OF THE 19TH AMENDMENT; APPROVING DISPLAYS THAT ARE IN RECOGNITION OF THE WOMEN'S VOTE CENTENNIAL AND WOMEN'S EQUALITY DAY IN THE STEPHEN P. CLARK CENTER SECURED LOBBY AREA PURSUANT TO RESOLUTION NO. R-240-16, AND OTHER COUNTY OWNED OR OPERATED BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES

WHEREAS, today, women constitute more than half of the population in the United States and more than 68 million women vote in state and federal elections; and

WHEREAS, in every presidential election since 1980, the proportion of eligible female adults who voted has exceeded the proportion of eligible male adults who voted; and

WHEREAS, women in the United States did not always have the right to vote; and

WHEREAS, women gained the right to vote with the passage of the 19th Amendment to the United States Constitution in 1920, which states that "The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any state on account of sex"; and

WHEREAS, the path to achieving the right to vote for women spanned several decades and involved women's suffrage supporters organizing, marching, petitioning, picketing, lobbying, pursuing lawsuits, and practicing civil disobedience; and

WHEREAS, the issue of women's voting rights became central in the debate about women's rights and equality following the first women's rights convention, held in 1848 in Seneca Falls, New York; and

WHEREAS, an amendment to the United States Constitution that would allow women the right to vote was first introduced in the United States Congress in 1878; and

WHEREAS, for the next 41 years, the amendment was introduced at every session of the United States Congress, but was either ignored or voted down; and

WHEREAS, eventually, women's suffragists gained the political support necessary for ratification of the amendment; and

WHEREAS, on May 21, 1919, the United States House of Representatives passed the amendment, and two weeks later, the United States Senate followed; and

WHEREAS, from there, the 19th Amendment went to the states, where it had to be ratified by three-fourths of the then 48 states; and

WHEREAS, on August 18, 1920, Tennessee became the 36th and final state needed to ratify the 19th Amendment; and

WHEREAS, on August 26, 1920, the United States Secretary of State issued a proclamation declaring the 19th Amendment ratified and officially part of the United States Constitution; and

WHEREAS, from 2019 to 2020, the United States will celebrate the 100th anniversary of the passage of the 19th Amendment and women's constitutional right to vote; and

WHEREAS, this Board wishes to participate in this centennial celebration and to commemorate this historic moment in the history of the United States,

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

Section 1. Incorporates and approves the foregoing recitals as if fully set forth herein.

Section 2. Declares that the year 2020 shall be recognized as the Women's Vote Centennial in honor of the 100th anniversary of the passage of the 19th Amendment to the United States Constitution.

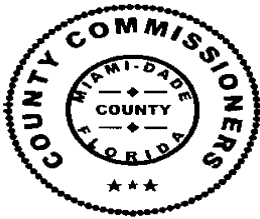
Section 3. Declares that August 26, 2020 shall be recognized as Women's Equality Day, in recognition of the ratification of the 19th Amendment to the United States Constitution.

Section 4. As part of the educational and celebratory Women's Vote Centennial and Women's Equality Day activities, approves, in accordance with Resolution No. R-240-16, exhibits for display in the secured area of the Stephen P. Clark Center lobby, and authorizes the use of cultural, historic and/or artistic exhibits, demonstrations, or displays located in or at County owned or operated buildings and facilities.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Daniella Levine Cava. It was offered by Commissioner **Rebeca Sosa**, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **Xavier L. Suarez** 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.	absent	Daniella Levine Cava	aye
Jose "Pepe" Diaz	aye	Sally A. Heyman	aye
Eileen Higgins	aye	Barbara J. Jordan	aye
Joe A. Martinez	aye	Jean Monestime	aye
Dennis C. Moss	aye	Sen. Javier D. Souto	absent
Xavier L. Suarez	aye		

The Chairperson thereupon declared this resolution duly passed and adopted this 4th day of February, 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

Linda L. Cave
By: _____
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.

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Leigh C. Kobrinski

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