

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(19)

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

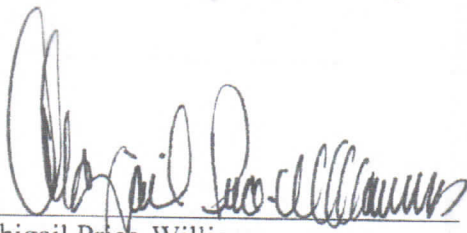
DATE: April 7, 2020

FROM: Abigail Price-Williams
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution establishing County policy requiring Haitian Creole, Spanish, and sign language interpreters at countywide emergency announcements and emergency press conferences for coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) and future emergency situations; directing the County Mayor to identify and designate funds that may be used in the current fiscal year to support this policy for all upcoming emergency announcements and emergency press conferences and further to identify and designate funds to support this policy in the Proposed Fiscal Year 2020-2021 County Budget and future budgets

Resolution No. R-323-20

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Jean Monestime.



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County Attorney

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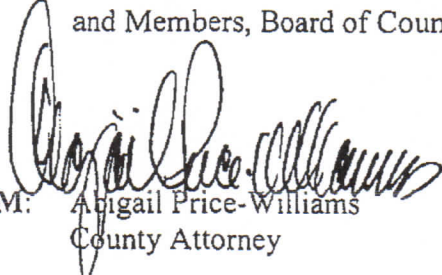


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Please note any items checked.

- ☐ "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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4-7-20

RESOLUTION NO. R-323-20

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING COUNTY POLICY
REQUIRING HAITIAN CREOLE, SPANISH, AND SIGN
LANGUAGE INTERPRETERS AT COUNTYWIDE
EMERGENCY ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EMERGENCY
PRESS CONFERENCES FOR CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019
(COVID-19) AND FUTURE EMERGENCY SITUATIONS;
DIRECTING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S
DESIGNEE TO IDENTIFY AND DESIGNATE FUNDS THAT
MAY BE USED IN THE CURRENT FISCAL YEAR TO
SUPPORT THIS POLICY FOR ALL UPCOMING EMERGENCY
ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EMERGENCY PRESS
CONFERENCES AND FURTHER TO IDENTIFY AND
DESIGNATE FUNDS TO SUPPORT THIS POLICY IN THE
PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021 COUNTY BUDGET
AND FUTURE BUDGETS

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County ("the County") is home to a multi-ethnic community,
and 70 percent of County residents speak a primary language other than English; and

WHEREAS, the Haitian Creole, English, and Spanish languages are deeply rooted in the
historical and current culture of the County; and

WHEREAS, the County either employs or has contracts with Spanish and Haitian Creole
translators and sign language interpreters; and

WHEREAS, during emergency situations, the County broadcasts vital information to
County residents for their health, safety, and welfare; and

WHEREAS, providing such information in Haitian Creole, English, and Spanish, as well
as sign language, will aid in the dissemination of vital information throughout the County in an
easily accessible and understandable format,

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

Section 1. It is the policy of this Board that the County shall have Haitian Creole, Spanish, and sign language interpreters at countywide emergency announcements and emergency press conferences for coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) and future emergency situations.

Section 2. This Board directs the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to identify and designate legally available funds that may be used in the current fiscal year to support this policy for all upcoming emergency announcements and emergency press conferences and further to identify and designate funds to support this policy in the Proposed Fiscal Year 2020-2021 County Budget and future fiscal year budgets.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Jean Monestime. It was offered by Commissioner **Rebeca Sosa**, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **Audrey M. Edmonson** 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	aye
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 7th day of April, 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: **Melissa Adames**
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be "LEM", is written over a horizontal line.

Lauren E. Morse