

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 14(A)(3)

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

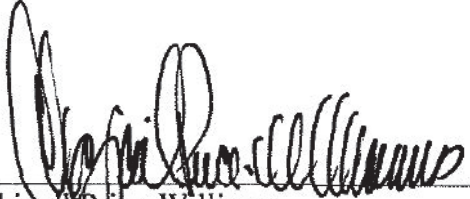
DATE: May 19, 2020

FROM: Abigail Price-Williams
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution honoring the
legendary Betty Wright
and expressing sympathy and
condolences upon her passing

Resolution No. R-526-20

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Chairwoman Audrey M. Edmonson.


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County Attorney

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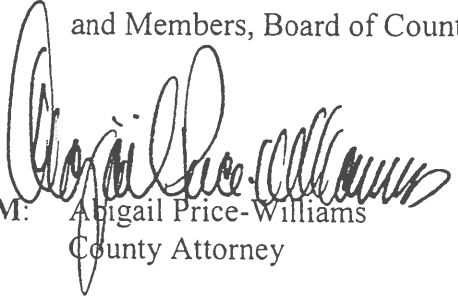


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Please note any items checked.

- ☐ "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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5-19-20

RESOLUTION NO. R-526-20

RESOLUTION HONORING THE LEGENDARY BETTY
WRIGHT AND EXPRESSING SYMPATHY AND
CONDOLENCES UPON HER PASSING

WHEREAS, Ms. Bessie Regina Norris, professionally known to the world as the legendary Betty Wright, (“Ms. Wright”), was born on December 21, 1953 in Miami, Florida; and

WHEREAS, the daughter of Rosa Akins Brady-Wright and McArthur Norris, Ms. Wright was the youngest of seven children; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Wright received her formal education in Miami-Dade County Public Schools and proudly attributed the fabric of her success to her strong familial, spiritual, and ancestral roots, and her humble beginnings as a former resident of the Liberty Square “Pork-and-Bean” Housing Projects; and

WHEREAS, at the tender age of two, Ms. Wright quickly emerged as a vocal prodigy; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Wright began her professional singing career in 1956 as a member of her family-based gospel group, “Echoes of Joy”, which is where she received the moniker “Betty Wright”; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Wright would continue to take the music world by storm, signing her first record deal at the age of 12, and releasing her debut solo album “My First Time Around” in 1968 at the age of 14; and

WHEREAS, “My First Time Around” reached the Top 40’s on the United States and Canadian pop charts and was the first of many of top selling songs including “Clean Up Woman”, “Tonight is the Night”, “Where is the Love”, and “No Pain No Gain,” that made Betty Wright a household name; and

WHEREAS, as a Grammy Award winning artist, pioneer, trailblazer, mentor, writer, producer, singer and ultimate entertainer, Betty Wright’s discography earned her the distinct honor of being the first African-American woman to achieve a gold album on her own label, which is only one of many notable accolades on her long list of accomplishments; and

WHEREAS, although Ms. Wright will be sorely missed by her family, friends, and fans, her musical legacy will continue to live on for decades to come; and

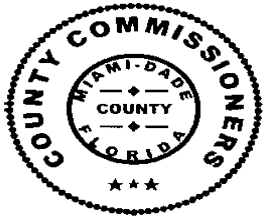
WHEREAS, this Board along with the community mourns the passing, celebrates the life, and will forever cherish the memory of Betty Wright,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that this Board honors the legendary Betty Wright and expresses sympathy and condolences upon her passing.

The Prime of the foregoing resolution is Chairwoman Audrey M. Edmonson. It was offered by Commissioner **Barbara J. Jordan** , who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **José "Pepe" Diaz** 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 19th day of May, 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.

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