

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(15)

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

DATE: June 16, 2020

FROM: Abigail Price-Williams

SUBJECT: Resolution urging the United
States Congress and President
Donald J. Trump to declare
Juneteenth a national holiday

Resolution No. R-595-20

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Daniella Levine Cava and Co-Sponsor Chairwoman Audrey M. Edmonson.



Abigail Price-Williams
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
- ☐ 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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RESOLUTION NO. _____ R-595-20

RESOLUTION URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS
AND PRESIDENT DONALD J. TRUMP TO DECLARE
JUNETEENTH A NATIONAL HOLIDAY

WHEREAS, Juneteenth commemorates the announcement of the abolition of slavery,
which occurred in Galveston, Texas on June 19, 1865; and

WHEREAS, although President Abraham Lincoln’s Emancipation Proclamation became
effective January 1, 1863, Texas remained rebellious following the end of the Civil War; and

WHEREAS, Juneteenth recognizes the day all remaining slaves were freed; and

WHEREAS, many communities and organizations nationwide celebrate Juneteenth on
June 19 of each year; and

WHEREAS, many states recognize Juneteenth as a state holiday, including Florida, which
in 1991 officially designated June 19 of each year as “Juneteenth Day;” and

WHEREAS, unfortunately, it has not been designated a national holiday despite bipartisan
support; and

WHEREAS, the United States Congress has the authority to declare national holidays
through the enactment of federal statute and the President of the United States has the authority to
declare national holidays by executive order; and

WHEREAS, this Board would like to urge the United States Congress and President
Trump to declare Juneteenth a national holiday, as it is a celebration of liberation and achievement
for African Americans and the entire country,

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 declare Juneteenth a national holiday.

Section 2. Urges President Donald J. Trump to declare Juneteenth a national holiday.

Section 3. Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to President Donald J. Trump, the President Pro Tempore of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and the Miami-Dade County Congressional Delegation.

Section 4. Directs the County’s federal lobbyists to advocate for the legislation set forth in section 1 and the action set forth in section 2, and authorizes and directs the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs to amend the 2020 Federal Legislative Package to include this item.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Daniella Levine Cava and the Co-Sponsor is Chairwoman Audrey M. Edmonson. It was offered by

Commissioner **Rebeca Sosa** , who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **Daniella Levine Cava** 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 the resolution duly passed and adopted this 16th day of June, 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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