

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 14(A)(5)

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

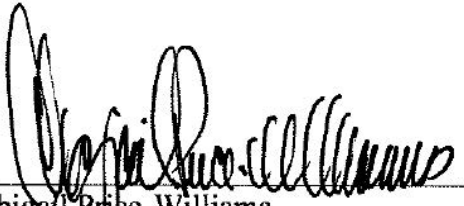
DATE: July 8, 2020

FROM: Abigail Price-Williams
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution declaring August 1st,
2020 and August 1 each year
thereafter as Historic Virginia
Key Beach Park Day

Resolution No. R-692-20

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Xavier L. Suarez.



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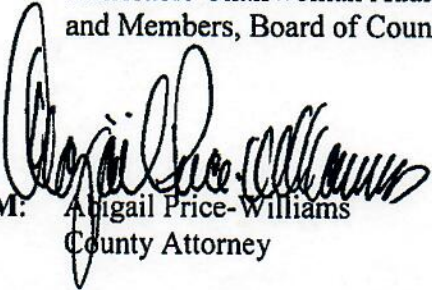
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Please note any items checked.

- ☐ "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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7-8-20

RESOLUTION NO. _____ R-692-20

RESOLUTION DECLARING AUGUST 1ST, 2020 AND
AUGUST 1 EACH YEAR THEREAFTER AS HISTORIC
VIRGINIA KEY BEACH PARK DAY

WHEREAS, Virginia Beach, currently known as Virginia Key Beach Park (“Park”), was established on August 1, 1945 as “a Dade County Park for the exclusive use of Negroes” in Miami, Florida; and

WHEREAS, the Park became an official “colored only” recreation site as a direct response to a bold protest led by Attorney Lawson E. Thomas, who would later become the first Black person appointed as a judge in Florida; and

WHEREAS, the Park was a cherished getaway, social gathering place, and even a sacred site for religious services for people of color; and

WHEREAS, the Park’s lush windswept palms and inviting beach lured thousands to its tropical paradise, including new Caribbean, South American, and Cuban immigrants, despite the Park being segregated throughout the 1950s; and

WHEREAS, the civic and social importance of the Park, as well as its unique environmental characteristics warrant its significance in national, state, and local civil rights history; and

WHEREAS, despite its historical and cultural prominence, the City of Miami closed the Park in 1982; and

WHEREAS, thereafter, the Park was:

- (1) added to the National Register of Historic Places in 2002;
- (2) added to the Department of State’s Florida Heritage Trail in 2006;
- (3) a major stakeholder to the Virginia Key Master Plan in 2010; and

(4) added to the City of Miami's Historic and Environmental Preservation List in 2013; and

WHEREAS, the Park was reopened to the public as the "Historic Virginia Key Beach Park" in 2008; and

WHEREAS, the Park's Master Plan envisions its restoration and the creation of a museum that will present the history and contributions of those who pressed for designation of the Park, sought to restore its natural environment, and supported creating a center for conflict resolution and reconciliation; and

WHEREAS, this Board wishes to recognize Virginia Key Beach Park, one of the County's natural treasures; and

WHEREAS, recognizing a day each year as Historic Virginia Key Beach Park Day will enhance the County's cultural offerings and bring international attention to the Park's noteworthy civil rights history, which reveals the positive impact of civic engagement and advocacy; and

WHEREAS, August 1, 2020, marks the 75th anniversary of the establishment of the Historic Virginia Key Beach Park; and

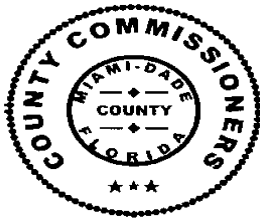
WHEREAS, as such, this Board would like to declare August 1st, 2020 and August 1 each year thereafter as Historic Virginia Key Beach Park Day,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that this Board declares August 1st, 2020 and August 1 each year thereafter as Historic Virginia Key Beach Park Day.

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

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 9th day of July, 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 "AM" or similar initials, written over a horizontal line.

Alisha Moriceau