

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 14(A)(9)

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

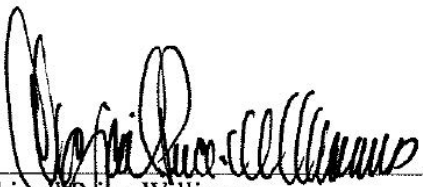
DATE: July 21, 2020

FROM: Abigail Price-Williams
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution directing the County Mayor to partner with an educational entity, museum, or other facility or entity to develop and implement a program to provide emergency childcare services for first responders, health care workers, and other essential personnel assisting our community during the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic; authorizing the County Mayor to negotiate and execute any documents necessary to carry out the purposes of this resolution; and requiring reports

Resolution No. R-765-20

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


Abigail Price-Williams
County Attorney

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MEMORANDUM (Revised)

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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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7-21-20

RESOLUTION NO. R-765-20

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR THE COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO PARTNER WITH AN EDUCATIONAL ENTITY, MUSEUM, OR OTHER FACILITY OR ENTITY TO DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT A PROGRAM TO PROVIDE EMERGENCY CHILDCARE SERVICES FOR FIRST RESPONDERS, HEALTH CARE WORKERS, AND OTHER ESSENTIAL PERSONNEL ASSISTING OUR COMMUNITY DURING THE CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID-19) PANDEMIC; AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE ANY DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT THE PURPOSES OF THIS RESOLUTION; AND REQUIRING REPORTS

WHEREAS, first responders, the health care community, and other essential personnel have tirelessly and bravely assisted our county by putting the needs of others above their own despite tremendous risk and exposure during the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic forced the closure of many childcare centers throughout the county; and

WHEREAS, as summer recess comes to a close, schools are contemplating how to reopen safely and are seriously considering implementing an entirely remote learning option for students; and

WHEREAS, remote learning for students, particularly young students, requires substantial hands-on adult supervision and facilitation of the lessons and learning mediums; and

WHEREAS, first responders, persons in the health care community, and other essential personnel who have young children have few childcare options and face the difficult choice of

working verse staying home to take care of their children and facilitating their virtual education;
and

WHEREAS, certain communities around the country have come up with innovative solutions and partnerships to meet the childcare needs of essential personnel; and

WHEREAS, for example, in Missouri, the Discovery Center of Springfield used its expertise in engaging children in science, technology, engineering, and math and its large, empty facility, to reopen as a licensed emergency childcare center, available 14 hours a day, seven days a week, free of charge, for families of healthcare workers and first responders;

WHEREAS, another example is the Oregon Museum of Science and Industry in Portland, Oregon, which, in partnership with the county government, launched an emergency childcare program focusing on serving the families of essential workers such as pharmacists, nurses, essential maintenance workers, and local transportation authority workers; and

WHEREAS, the Board wishes to be responsive to the needs of these working families while, at the same time, providing the children with an educational environment, healthy meals and snacks, and ensuring appropriate social distancing and sanitation requirements are met,

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

Section 1. Adopts the foregoing recitals as if fully set forth herein.

Section 2. Directs the County Mayor or the County Mayor's designee to partner with an educational entity, museum, or other facility or entity to develop and implement a program to provide emergency childcare services for first responders, health care workers, and other essential personnel assisting our community during the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic, if fiscally possible within legally available means.

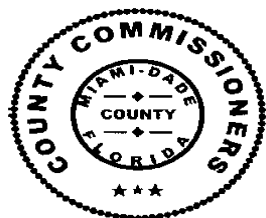
Section 3. Authorizes the County Mayor or the County Mayor’s designee to negotiate and execute any documents necessary to carry out the purposes of this resolution, following approval of such documents by the County Attorney’s Office for legal form and sufficiency.

Section 4. Directs the County Mayor or the County Mayor’s designee to provide a written report to this Board within 15 days of the effective date of this resolution detailing: (i) the status of the development and implementation of the program; (ii) the fiscal impacts of such program, or (iii) alternatively, explaining why the program was not and cannot be implemented. Upon implementation, the County Mayor or County Mayor’s designee shall provide a written report to this Board every 30 days detailing the status of the program until such program is no longer deemed necessary in light of the improved conditions of the pandemic and increased childcare and in-person school options. The County Mayor or County Mayor’s designee shall place the completed reports on agendas of the Board pursuant to Ordinance No. 14-65.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Jean Monestime. It was offered by Commissioner **Jean Monestime** , who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **Barbara J. Jordan** and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Audrey M. Edmonson, Chairwoman	aye
Rebeca Sosa, Vice Chairwoman	absent
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 this resolution duly passed and adopted this 21st 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.

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Leigh C. Kobrinski