

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(6)

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

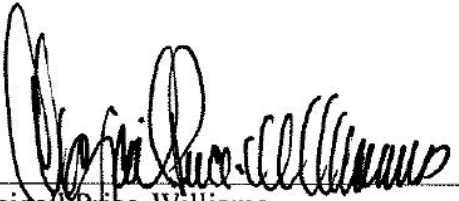
DATE: August 31, 2020

FROM: Abigail Price-Williams
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution honoring and
congratulating Joy Reid on
becoming the first African
American woman to anchor
prime time news on cable
television

Resolution No. R-872-20

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Barbara J. Jordan and Co-Sponsor Chairwoman Audrey M. Edmonson.



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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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8-31-20

RESOLUTION NO. R-872-20

RESOLUTION HONORING AND CONGRATULATING JOY
REID ON BECOMING THE FIRST AFRICAN AMERICAN
WOMAN TO ANCHOR PRIME TIME NEWS ON CABLE
TELEVISION

WHEREAS, Joy-Ann M. Lomena-Reid, known professionally as Joy Reid, is an American cable television host, MSNBC national correspondent, and political commentator who was born in Brooklyn, New York and raised in Denver, Colorado; and

WHEREAS, Reid was born to immigrant parents, as her late mother was a college professor from British Guyana, and her father is a Geologist from the Democratic Republic of Congo; and

WHEREAS, Reid graduated from Harvard University in 1991 with a concentration in documentary film; and

WHEREAS, Reid has been married to writer and documentary film editor Jason Reid since 1997, and the couple has three children; and

WHEREAS, American cable news channel MSNBC selected Reid, one of the network's most prominent African American on-air personalities, to host the network's 7 p.m. ET slot, establishing her as the lead-in to its block of primetime programming; and

WHEREAS, on July 20, 2020 Reid's Washington, D.C. based show, "The ReidOut" debuted on MSNBC; and

WHEREAS, "The ReidOut" features one-on-one conversations with politicians and newsmakers and covers the political issues of the day, drawing from Reid's experience of covering the intersection of race, justice and culture; and

WHEREAS, Reid is the first woman of color to anchor a prime time news show on MSNBC, and the first African American woman to anchor a prime time news show on cable television; and

WHEREAS, Reid joined MSNBC in 2011 as a contributor, and previously hosted “The Reid Report,” a daily program that offered her distinctive analysis and insight on the day’s news; and

WHEREAS, prior to joining MSNBC, Reid worked at a business consulting firm in New York, and in the late 1990s Reid moved to South Florida to pursue her longtime passions for news and reporting; and

WHEREAS, Reid lived in South Florida for approximately 14 years, from 1997 to 2011, where she worked her way up the competitive Florida media market and held multiple media positions including her role as a writer for a WSVN Channel 7 morning show, while also working as a copywriter; and

WHEREAS, while in South Florida, Reid:

- (1) worked as a freelance columnist for the *Miami Herald*;
- (2) worked as an online news editor for NBC affiliate WTVJ in Miramar, Florida;
- (3) produced and co-hosted “Wake Up South Florida,” the morning show for Radio One’s then-Miami affiliate WTPS;
- (4) co-hosted the weekly talk radio program “Elevating the Dialogue” on WNN-AM Fort Lauderdale; and
- (5) was the editor of the political blog “The Reid Report”; and

WHEREAS, Reid was additionally the Managing Editor of theGrio.com, a daily online news and opinion platform devoted to delivering stories and perspectives that reflect and affect African-American audiences, as well as a talk radio producer and host for Radio One; and

WHEREAS, in recent years, Reid was guest-host for several shows on MSNBC and was a frequent fill-in host for the network's primetime news shows; and

WHEREAS, Reid most recently hosted the weekend morning show "AM Joy" on MSNBC, since 2016, and also co-hosted a podcast entitled "Reid This-Reid That"; and

WHEREAS, Reid's columns and articles have appeared in print and online publications, such as *The New York Times*, *The Daily Beast*, *New York magazine*, *The Guardian*, the *Miami Herald*, the *South Florida Sun-Sentinel*, and *South Florida Times*; and

WHEREAS, throughout her career, Reid has taken time away from journalism to focus on political initiatives, and worked as a press secretary during two presidential campaigns, including President Barack Obama's Florida campaign in 2008; and

WHEREAS, Reid is the author of three books, "Fracture: Barack Obama, the Clintons, and the Racial Divide," published in 2015, co-author and co-editor of "We Are the Change We Seek: The Speeches of Barack Obama," published in 2017, and "The Man Who Sold America: Trump and the Unraveling of the American Story," a New York Times Best-Seller, published in 2019; and

WHEREAS, Reid has been nationally recognized by various organizations, including the National Action Network, the Women's Media Center, and the National Association of Black Journalists; and

WHEREAS, Reid has been nominated for awards including a GLAAD Media Award and two NAACP Image Awards; and

WHEREAS, Reid has received a plethora of awards and recognitions, including the Hank Meyer National Headliner Award from the then Miami branch of the National Conference of Christians and Jews and the Knight Foundation, which selected her as a 2003 Knight Center for Specialized Journalism fellow; and

WHEREAS, this Board would like to honor and congratulate Joy Reid on becoming the first African American woman to anchor prime time news on cable television,

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

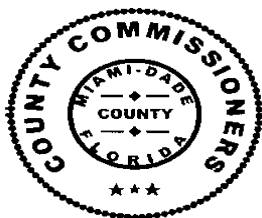
Section 1. Honors and congratulates Joy Reid on becoming the first African American woman to anchor prime time news on cable television.

Section 2. Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to Joy Reid.

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

The Chairperson thereupon declared this resolution duly passed and adopted this 31st day of August, 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

Melissa Adames
By: _____
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.

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

Ashlee A. Pouncy