

## MEMORANDUM

Special Item No. 5

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

**DATE:** September 30, 2020

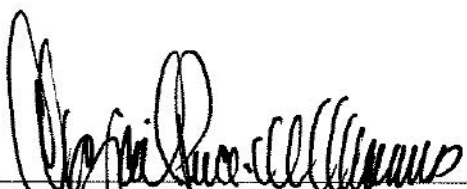
**FROM:** Abigail Price-Williams  
County Attorney

**SUBJECT:** Resolution directing the County Mayor to use legally available funding sources, including possible donations from the private sector, to install a permanent or temporary local marker or monument to commemorate and honor doctors and nurses in Miami-Dade County who have been on the front lines during the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic, and to prepare a report; urging the President and the United States Congress to install a national marker or monument to commemorate and honor such doctors and nurses across the country

Resolution No. R-909-20

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The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Jose "Pepe" Diaz.

  
Abigail Price-Williams  
County Attorney

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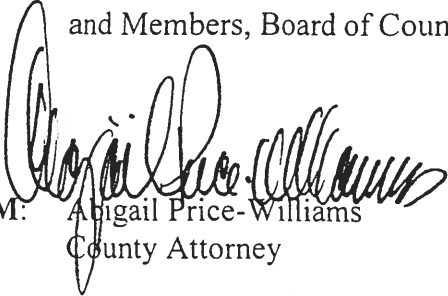


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Please note any items checked.

- ☐ "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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9-30-20

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_ R-909-20

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR DESIGNEE TO USE LEGALLY AVAILABLE FUNDING SOURCES, INCLUDING POSSIBLE DONATIONS FROM THE PRIVATE SECTOR, TO INSTALL A PERMANENT OR TEMPORARY LOCAL MARKER OR MONUMENT TO COMMEMORATE AND HONOR DOCTORS AND NURSES IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY WHO HAVE BEEN ON THE FRONT LINES DURING THE CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID-19) PANDEMIC, AND TO PREPARE A REPORT; URGING THE PRESIDENT AND THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO INSTALL A NATIONAL MARKER OR MONUMENT TO COMMEMORATE AND HONOR SUCH DOCTORS AND NURSES ACROSS THE COUNTRY

**WHEREAS**, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization (“WHO”) determined that the coronavirus disease 2019 (“COVID-19”) outbreak constitutes a pandemic; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States declared a national emergency concerning the COVID-19 pandemic; and

**WHEREAS**, due to this pandemic, state and local officials across the country, including the Florida Governor and Miami-Dade County Mayor, have also issued declarations of emergency and stay at home orders; and

**WHEREAS**, as frontline healthcare workers, doctors and nurses have committed to difficult, draining work that entails long hours away from their families in stressful work environments; and

**WHEREAS**, while elected officials and healthcare experts have instructed everyone to stay home as much as possible and practice social distancing when seeking essential goods and services in public, doctors and nurses remain on the front lines of this pandemic working to help those most in need in hospitals, clinics, and other healthcare facilities; and

**WHEREAS**, throughout this pandemic, doctors and nurses here in Miami-Dade County and across the country have performed essential functions in combatting COVID-19, oftentimes at great personal risk and sacrifice; and

**WHEREAS**, because of their often extensive and close contact with patients, doctors and nurses may be at greater risk of infection and may have a higher chance of getting seriously ill from COVID-19 if they do get infected; and

**WHEREAS**, early data from Spain and Italy indicates healthcare workers accounted for a significant share of the overall COVID-19 cases in those countries, between 10 and 15 percent; and

**WHEREAS**, as more individuals are sickened with COVID-19 here in the United States, hospitals and medical facilities are becoming increasingly overburdened, and doctors and nurses are sometimes having to work without adequate supply of personal protective equipment, thereby potentially putting them at even greater risk of infection; and

**WHEREAS**, despite the serious challenges and risks facing them, doctors and nurses both locally and nationally continue to go to work day after day, showing great courage and fortitude in caring for those most in need during this pandemic; and

**WHEREAS**, accordingly, markers or monuments should be installed both locally and nationally to honor and commemorate the doctors and nurses for their dedication, hard work, sacrifices, and heroism in combatting the COVID-19 pandemic; and

**WHEREAS**, such markers or monuments could be permanent or temporary like, for example, the recent installation of nurses' shoes on the lawn of the United States Capitol; and

**WHEREAS**, that temporary installation was part of a vigil and consisted of 164 pairs of nurses' shoes, commemorating nurses who have died while working to fight COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, any legally available funding sources should be used to accomplish this directive, including possible donations from the private sector,

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

**Section 1.** Directs the County Mayor or designee to use legally available funding sources, including possible donations from the private sector, to install a permanent or temporary marker or monument at a suitable location to commemorate and honor doctors and nurses in Miami-Dade County who have been on the front lines during the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic.

**Section 2.** Directs the County Mayor or designee to prepare a report detailing the proposed design and location of the marker or monument prior to procuring and installing such marker or monument, and to provide the report to this Board no later than 180 days after the County's state of emergency has ended. The required report shall be placed on an agenda of the Board pursuant to Ordinance No. 14-65.

**Section 3.** Urges the President and the United States Congress to create a national marker or monument to commemorate and honor such doctors and nurses across the country.

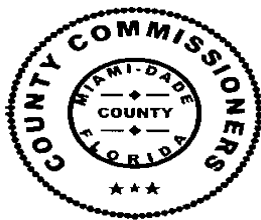
**Section 4.** Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the President of the United States and the members of the Florida Congressional Delegation.

**Section 5.** Directs the County's federal lobbyists to advocate for the action set forth in section 3 above, 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 Jose "Pepe" Diaz. It was offered by Commissioner **José "Pepe" Diaz**, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **Rebeca Sosa** and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

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| Audrey M. Edmonson, Chairwoman | <b>absent</b> |                      |            |
| Rebeca Sosa, Vice Chairwoman   |               |                      |            |
| Esteban L. Bovo, Jr.           | <b>aye</b>    | Daniella Levine Cava | <b>aye</b> |
| Jose "Pepe" Diaz               | <b>aye</b>    | Sally A. Heyman      | <b>aye</b> |
| Eileen Higgins                 | <b>absent</b> | Barbara J. Jordan    | <b>aye</b> |
| Joe A. Martinez                | <b>aye</b>    | Jean Monestime       | <b>aye</b> |
| Dennis C. Moss                 | <b>aye</b>    | Sen. Javier D. Souto | <b>aye</b> |
| Xavier L. Suarez               | <b>absent</b> |                      |            |

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 30<sup>th</sup> day of September, 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.

James Eddie Kirtley