

## MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(3)

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**TO:** Honorable Acting Chairwoman Rebeca Sosa  
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

**DATE:** December 15, 2020

**FROM:** Geri Bonzon-Keenan  
Successor County Attorney

**SUBJECT:** Resolution urging the United  
States Congress to amend the  
Uniform Time Act and extend  
Daylight Savings through future  
general elections

Resolution No. R-1252-20

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The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Joe A. Martinez.



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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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12-15-20

RESOLUTION NO. R-1252-20

RESOLUTION URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS  
TO AMEND THE UNIFORM TIME ACT AND EXTEND  
DAYLIGHT SAVINGS THROUGH FUTURE GENERAL  
ELECTIONS

**WHEREAS**, Daylight Savings Time was first adopted by areas within the United States during World War I and World War II to help preserve fuel for the nation's war effort; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1966, the United States Congress passed the Uniform Time Act, 15 U.S.C. 260a(a), to standardize the implementation and length of Daylight Savings Time across the county; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2005, Congress passed the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (Pub. L. 109-58) which amended the Uniform Time Act and extended Daylight Savings Time so that it now runs four weeks longer (i.e., from the second Sunday of March to the first Sunday of November rather than from the first Sunday of April to the last Sunday of October); and

**WHEREAS**, as a result, the United States already spends approximately eight months of the year in Daylight Savings Time; and

**WHEREAS**, extending Daylight Savings Time through general elections may encourage greater voter participation because there would still be sunlight when people return home from work; and

**WHEREAS**, in addition, there is considerable evidence showing that extending Daylight Savings Time would provide numerous benefits; and

**WHEREAS**, the Energy Policy Act of 2005 also required the United States Department of Energy to evaluate the impact of extending Daylight Savings Time on energy consumption in the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Energy's report found that there was a net savings in total electricity use and energy consumption as a result of extending Daylight Savings Time; and

**WHEREAS**, a study from the researchers at the Brookings Institution and Cornell University ("Brookings/Cornell study") that analyzed the impact of extending Daylight Savings Time found that the additional three weeks of Daylight Savings Time in the Spring resulted in more daylight during typical high-crime hours and, in 2007 alone, produced a net reduction of crime including an average seven percent reduction in robbery rates; and

**WHEREAS**, the reduction in crime during three weeks examined in the Brookings/Cornell study amounted to an estimated savings to the country of \$246 million; and

**WHEREAS**, other studies have found that extending Daylight Savings Time could result in a reduction in childhood obesity, an increase in physical activity, and a reduction in traffic-related deaths, especially for pedestrians; and

**WHEREAS**, this Board believes that it would be in the public interest to extend Daylight Savings Time through future general elections for the many positive benefits it would create, including the potential to encourage greater voter participation,

**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 amend the Uniform Time Act and extend Daylight Savings Time through future general elections.

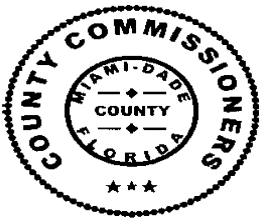
**Section 2.** Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the members of the Florida Congressional Delegation.

**Section 3.** Directs the County’s federal lobbyists to advocate for the actions set forth in section 1 above, and authorizes and directs the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs to include this item in the 2021 Federal Legislative Package when it is presented to the Board.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Joe A. Martinez. 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:

|                        |                                |                        |     |
|------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------|-----|
|                        | Rebeca Sosa, Acting Chairwoman | aye                    |     |
| Jose “Pepe” Diaz       | aye                            | Sen. René García       | aye |
| Oliver G. Gilbert, III | aye                            | Keon Hardemon          | aye |
| Sally A. Heyman        | aye                            | Danielle Cohen Higgins | aye |
| Eileen Higgins         | aye                            | Joe A. Martinez        | aye |
| Kionne L. McGhee       | aye                            | Jean Monestime         | aye |
| Raquel A. Regalado     | aye                            | Sen. Javier D. Souto   | aye |

The Chairperson thereupon declared this resolution duly passed and adopted this 15<sup>th</sup> day of December, 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.

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Ryan Carlin