

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(17)

TO: Honorable Chairman Jose "Pepe" Diaz
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: May 4, 2021

FROM: Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution directing the County Mayor to work with the University of Florida's Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences Cooperative Extension in Miami-Dade County in order to increase public participation in the County's Rain Barrel Program, including conducting additional workshops on a yearly basis and expanding publicity and outreach for such events by, among other things, increasing advertising in English, Spanish and Creole; and directing the County Mayor to submit a written report to the Board within 60 days regarding possible incentives and rebates for participation in the Rain Barrel Program

Resolution No. R-463-21

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



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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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5-4-21

RESOLUTION NO. _____ R-463-21

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO WORK WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA'S INSTITUTE OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES COOPERATIVE EXTENSION IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY IN ORDER TO INCREASE PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN THE COUNTY'S RAIN BARREL PROGRAM, INCLUDING CONDUCTING ADDITIONAL WORKSHOPS ON A YEARLY BASIS AND EXPANDING PUBLICITY AND OUTREACH FOR SUCH EVENTS BY, AMONG OTHER THINGS, INCREASING ADVERTISING IN ENGLISH, SPANISH AND CREOLE; AND DIRECTING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO SUBMIT A WRITTEN REPORT TO THE BOARD WITHIN 60 DAYS REGARDING POSSIBLE INCENTIVES AND REBATES FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE RAIN BARREL PROGRAM

WHEREAS, clean, safe, and sustainable water resources and supplies are vital to Florida's economy, environment, residents, visitors, and quality of life; and

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County (the "County") is committed to the development and implementation of sound water use, efficiency practices, guidelines, and policies; and

WHEREAS, storing rainwater in rain barrels that can be used as an alternative water supply for landscaping and irrigation purposes is a practice that is consistent with the County's water conservation goals, including conservation of the Biscayne Aquifer, the County's main source of drinking and potable water; and

WHEREAS, storing rainwater aids in the reduction of stormwater runoff, which can lead to reduced levels of pesticides and fertilizers entering Biscayne Bay and other water bodies; and

WHEREAS, the State of Florida, the South Florida Water Management District and the County have worked together to develop and implement a Comprehensive Water Conservation Program that includes rainfall harvesting using rain barrels (the "Rain Barrel Program"); and

WHEREAS, the Rain Barrel Program was started in 2006; and

WHEREAS, the University of Florida's Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences Cooperative Extension in Miami-Dade County ("UF/IFAS"), located within the County's Parks Recreation and Open Spaces Department ("PROS"), in cooperation with the Miami-Dade Water and Sewer Department ("WASD"), administers the Rain Barrel Program; and

WHEREAS, since the inception of the Rain Barrel Program, 153 rain barrel workshops have been conducted in the County with over 3,700 County residents attending one of the workshops; and

WHEREAS, since the Rain Barrel Program started, the County has distributed approximately 2,410 rain barrels to County residents; and

WHEREAS, historically, the Rain Barrel Program's workshops have been conducted once a month between May and November in locations across the County; and

WHEREAS, the advertising for the Rain Barrel Program workshops, and the workshops themselves, have traditionally been conducted in English only; and

WHEREAS, this Board desires to direct the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to take steps to increase resident participation in the County's Rain Barrel Program,

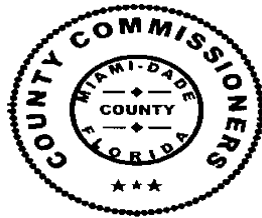
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that this Board incorporates and adopts the foregoing recitals as if fully set forth herein and directs the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to work with the University of Florida's Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences Cooperative Extension in Miami-Dade County to conduct additional Rain Barrel Program workshops throughout the County on a yearly basis and, to the extent sufficient funding can be identified, to expand publicity and outreach for the Rain Barrel Program, including by,

among other things, adding more English, Spanish and Creole advertising for upcoming workshops, in order to increase public participation in the Rain Barrel Program. This Board also directs the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to submit a written report to the Board within 60 days regarding any incentives or rebates the County can provide to residents who obtain and utilize rain barrels as a part of the County's Rain Barrel Program. The County Mayor or County Mayor's designee is directed to place the report on an agenda of the Board pursuant to Ordinance No. 14-65.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Raquel A. Regalado. It was offered by Commissioner **Raquel A. Regalado**, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **Rebeca Sosa** and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

	Jose "Pepe" Diaz, Chairman	aye	
	Oliver G. Gilbert, III, Vice-Chairman	aye	
Sen. René García	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	Rebeca Sosa	aye
Sen. Javier D. Souto	aye		

The Chairperson thereupon declared this resolution duly passed and adopted this 4th day of May, 2021. 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.

SED

Sarah E. Davis