

MEMORANDUM

Amended
Agenda Item No. 11(A)(2)

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

DATE: March 16, 2021

FROM: Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution urging the Florida
Legislature to enact legislation
providing expanded property tax
exemption for widows,
widowers, blind persons, and
persons totally and permanently
disabled

Resolution No. R-216-21

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Senator René García.



Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney


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(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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RESOLUTION NO. R-216-21

RESOLUTION URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO ENACT LEGISLATION PROVIDING EXPANDED PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FOR WIDOWS, WIDOWERS, BLIND PERSONS, AND PERSONS TOTALLY AND PERMANENTLY DISABLED

WHEREAS, section 196.202(1) of the Florida Statutes currently provides a tax exemption for property of every widow, widower, blind person, and person totally and permanently disabled to the value of \$500; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Constitution allows for a broader exemption to every widow, widower, blind person, and person totally and permanently disabled for “property to the value fixed by general law not less than five hundred dollars”; and

WHEREAS, many widows, widowers, blind persons, and persons totally and permanently disabled face financial struggles from the loss of income and spousal support; and

WHEREAS, expanding this tax exemption would provide additional needed financial relief to such needy persons; and

WHEREAS, only the Florida Legislature has the authority to modify Florida law to provide such additional property tax relief,

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

Section 1. Urges the Florida Legislature to enact legislation to provide an expanded property tax exemption for widows, widowers, blind persons, and persons totally and permanently disabled.

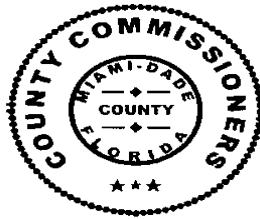
Section 2. Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the Governor, Senate President, House Speaker, and the Chair and Members of the Miami-Dade County State Legislative Delegation.

Section 3. Directs the County’s state lobbyists to advocate for the action set forth in section 1 above, and authorizes and directs the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs to amend the 2021 State Legislative package to include this item and to include this item in the 2022 State Legislative package when it is presented to the Board.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Senator René García. It was offered by Commissioner **Sen. Rene Garcia** , 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 16th day of March, 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.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jorge Martinez-Esteve".

Jorge Martinez-Esteve