

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(7)

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

DATE: July 20, 2021

FROM: Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution directing the County
Mayor to include information for
neurodivergent individuals and
other individuals with disabilities
in County produced emergency
preparedness guides and
informational material

Resolution No. R-750-21

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Co-Prime Sponsors Commissioner Raquel A. Regalado and Vice-Chairman Oliver G. Gilbert, III.


Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

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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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7-20-21

RESOLUTION NO. _____ R-750-21

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR
COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO INCLUDE
INFORMATION FOR NEURODIVERGENT INDIVIDUALS
AND OTHER INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES IN
COUNTY PRODUCED EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS
GUIDES AND INFORMATIONAL MATERIAL

WHEREAS, there is a diverse range of individuals of differing abilities living in Miami-Dade County; and

WHEREAS, neurodivergent individuals and other individuals with disabilities may have particular concerns and needs as related to emergency preparedness; and

WHEREAS, the County provides emergency preparedness information including the Hurricane Readiness Guide; and

WHEREAS, materials and information provided by the County should include information that is relevant and helpful for neurodivergent individuals and other individuals with disabilities such as social stories (a social learning tool that assists individuals in understanding their environment) and information related to shelters that are prepared to deal with the particular needs of neurodivergent individuals and other individuals with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, the County espouses inclusivity in its services; and

WHEREAS, On January 21, 2021, this Board passed Resolution No. R-59-21 directing the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to enter into an agreement with the University of Miami-Nova Southeastern University Center for Autism and Related Disabilities ("CARD") for the development of a county-wide autism and neurodivergent inclusion program; and

WHEREAS, CARD has expressed willingness to assist the County in the development of materials as related to emergency preparedness for neurodivergent individuals; and

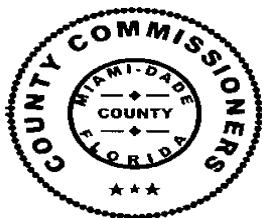
WHEREAS, this Board wants to ensure that the particular needs and concerns of neurodivergent individuals and individuals with disabilities are addressed, especially as related to emergency preparedness,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that this Board directs the County Mayor or County Mayor’s designee to immediately begin including information for neurodivergent individuals and other individuals with disabilities in County prepared emergency preparedness guides and informational material. The County Mayor or County Mayor’s designee shall coordinate with the University of Miami-Nova Southeastern University Center for Autism and Related Disabilities in the development of the materials.

The Co-Prime Sponsors of the foregoing resolution are Commissioner Raquel A. Regalado and Vice-Chairman Oliver G. Gilbert, III. It was offered by Commissioner **Sally A. Heyman** , who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **Kionne L. McGhee** 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 20th day of July, 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.

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Melanie J. Spencer