

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(22)

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

DATE: January 19, 2022

FROM: Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution urging the Florida
Legislature to appropriate
funding to help implement a
behavioral training program for
dogs at Miami-Dade County's
no-kill shelter

Resolution No. R-76-22

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



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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-76-22

RESOLUTION URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO
APPROPRIATE FUNDING TO HELP IMPLEMENT A
BEHAVIORAL TRAINING PROGRAM FOR DOGS AT MIAMI-
DADE COUNTY'S NO-KILL SHELTER

WHEREAS, almost a decade ago, this Board adopted groundbreaking no-kill legislation to promote the welfare of animals impounded at County-operated shelters; and

WHEREAS, specifically, in Resolution No. R-583-12, the Board directed the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to develop and implement a financially feasible, actionable No Kill Implementation Plan, with measurable goals and due dates, to achieve a 90 percent save rate at the County's animal shelter, and in Resolution No. R-476-13, the Board accepted the Animal Services Department Strategic Plan; and

WHEREAS, this Board subsequently adopted Resolution No. R-1255-20, the Save Charlie Act, which established the Miami-Dade County No Kill Animal Shelter Policy and provided that animals impounded at a County-operated shelter could not be euthanized except in cases in which an animal has proven to be dangerous with a poor to grave prognosis for rehabilitation or irremediably suffers with a poor to grave prognosis for being able to live without unnecessary physical pain or suffering, even with prompt, necessary, and comprehensive veterinary care; and

WHEREAS, the Animal Services Department employs various practices to implement the No Kill Animal Shelter Policy, including but not limited to partnering with animal-rescue organizations, promoting adoptions, and providing high-quality veterinary care to animals in the shelter; and

WHEREAS, one particular challenge to achieving an optimal no-kill outcome is the rehabilitation of dogs that have exhibited behaviors dangerous to people; and

WHEREAS, dogs with such issues can often be rehabilitated through behavioral training, but the provision of such training is difficult to accomplish in a shelter environment, not only because resources are limited, but also because such training often requires the services of dog-behavior specialists; and

WHEREAS, dogs with behavioral issues nevertheless deserve a chance to be rehabilitated so that people in the community can adopt them and provide them loving homes and so that the dogs themselves can live more dignified lives; and

WHEREAS, the implementation of a behavioral training program for dogs at the County's no-kill shelter could not only benefit dogs and families in Miami-Dade County but also establish a model for other local governments in Florida to follow; and

WHEREAS, this Board therefore wishes to seek funding from the Florida Legislature to help implement a behavioral training program for dogs at Miami-Dade County's no-kill shelter,

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 appropriate funding to help implement a behavioral training program for dogs at Miami-Dade County's no-kill shelter.

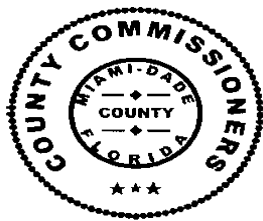
Section 2. Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit certified copies of this resolution to the Governor, the Senate President, the House Speaker, and the Members of the Miami-Dade State Legislative Delegation.

Section 3. Directs the County's state lobbyists to advocate for the action described in section 1 above, and authorizes and directs the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs to amend the 2022 State Legislative Package to include this item.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Chairman Jose “Pepe” Diaz. It was offered by Commissioner **Rebeca Sosa**, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **José "Pepe" Diaz** 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 19th day of January, 2022. 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.

CJW

Christopher J. Wahl