

MEMORANDUM

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

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, within budgeted and legally available funding, to make arrangements with the United States Department of Homeland Security for training on human trafficking prevention through the Blue Lightning Initiative of all PortMiami employees working in cruise and cargo terminals; directing the County Mayor to work with the Greater Miami Convention and Visitors Bureau to provide training to hospitality industry employees on the matter of human trafficking; requiring the County Mayor to prepare a written report on the status of implementation and to place such report on an agenda of the Board in accordance with Ordinance No. 14-65

Resolution No. R-457-21

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Joe A. Martinez and Co-Sponsors Commissioner Sally A. Heyman, Commissioner Danielle Cohen Higgins and 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	Amended
Veto	_____		Agenda Item No. 11(A)(11)
Override	_____		5-4-21

RESOLUTION NO. **R-457-21**

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR’S DESIGNEE, WITHIN BUDGETED AND LEGALLY AVAILABLE FUNDING, TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS WITH THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY FOR TRAINING ON HUMAN TRAFFICKING PREVENTION THROUGH THE BLUE LIGHTNING INITIATIVE OF ALL PORTMIAMI EMPLOYEES WORKING IN CRUISE AND CARGO TERMINALS; DIRECTING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR’S DESIGNEE TO WORK WITH THE GREATER MIAMI CONVENTION AND VISITORS BUREAU TO PROVIDE TRAINING TO HOSPITALITY INDUSTRY EMPLOYEES ON THE MATTER OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING; REQUIRING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR’S DESIGNEE TO PREPARE A WRITTEN REPORT ON THE STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION AND TO PLACE SUCH REPORT ON AN AGENDA OF THE BOARD IN ACCORDANCE WITH ORDINANCE NO. 14-65

WHEREAS, the Blue Lightning Initiative is led by the United States Department of Transportation, United States Department of Homeland Security (“DHS”), and United States Customs and Border Protection; and

WHEREAS, the Blue Lightning Initiative trains aviation industry personnel to identify potential traffickers and human trafficking victims and to report their suspicions to federal law enforcement; and

WHEREAS, more than 100,000 personnel in the aviation industry have been trained through the Blue Lightning Initiative, which continues to generate actionable tips for law enforcement; and

WHEREAS, the Blue Lightning Initiative’s training is conducted through a combination of virtual and printed materials, which is integrated into new employee or refresher training for employees interacting with the public; and

WHEREAS, on January 11, 2021, in recognition of National Human Trafficking Awareness Day, Miami International Airport announced a formal partnership with DHS to combat human trafficking through participation in the Blue Lightning Initiative, thereby becoming the first airport in Florida to join the Blue Lightning Initiative; and

WHEREAS, PortMiami is a major cruise and cargo port, standing as the largest cruise home port in the world and one of the leading international waterborne container ports in the United States; and

WHEREAS, in 2019, PortMiami welcomed in excess of 6.8 million passengers and processed 10.1 million tons of cargo and 1.1 million 20-foot equivalent units; and

WHEREAS, PortMiami, through its membership and leadership in the Florida Ports Council has made a commitment to combat human trafficking by promoting education and awareness in the signs of human trafficking among stakeholders, tenants, and maritime-related transportation companies; and

WHEREAS, PortMiami has, in fact, provided training to airport personnel to aid such personnel in identifying and aiding children who may be victims of human trafficking; and

WHEREAS, nonetheless, PortMiami's employees, who in many instances interact with persons transiting through regional airports, may benefit from the training that is being provided at Miami International Airport through the Blue Lightning Initiative,

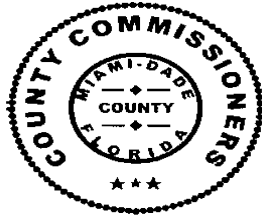
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that this Board directs the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee, within budgeted and legally available funding, to make arrangements with DHS for training on human trafficking prevention through the Blue Lightning Initiative of all PortMiami employees working in cruise or cargo terminals. In addition, the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee is directed to work with the Greater Miami

Convention and Visitors Bureau to provide training to hospitality industry employees on the matter of human trafficking. The County Mayor or County Mayor's designee is further directed to prepare a written report to the Board on the status of the implementation of the foregoing directives and, within 60 days of the effective date of this resolution, to place such written report on an agenda of this Board in accordance with Ordinance No. 14-65.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Joe A. Martinez and the Co-Sponsors are Commissioner Sally A. Heyman, Commissioner Danielle Cohen Higgins and Commissioner Raquel A. Regalado. It was offered by Commissioner **Joe A. Martinez** , who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **Sen. Rene Garcia** 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.

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Miguel A. Gonzalez