

## MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(18)

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

**DATE:** March 1, 2022

**FROM:** Geri Bonzon-Keenan  
County Attorney

**SUBJECT:** Resolution urging the Florida  
Legislature to enact Senate Bill  
(SB) 476, House Bill (HB) 297,  
the "Anthony Reznik Act," or  
similar legislation that would  
provide stronger civil and  
criminal penalties for aggressive  
careless driving resulting in  
damage to property or person,  
serious bodily injury, or death

Resolution No. R-232-22

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



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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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3-1-22

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_ R-232-22

RESOLUTION URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO ENACT SENATE BILL (SB) 476, HOUSE BILL (HB) 297, THE “ANTHONY REZNIK ACT,” OR SIMILAR LEGISLATION THAT WOULD PROVIDE STRONGER CIVIL AND CRIMINAL PENALTIES FOR AGGRESSIVE CARELESS DRIVING RESULTING IN DAMAGE TO PROPERTY OR PERSON, SERIOUS BODILY INJURY, OR DEATH

**WHEREAS**, Senate and House bills, SB 476 by Senator Jason Pizzo (D - Miami) and HB 297 by Representative Vance Arthur Aloupis, Jr. (R - Miami), have been filed for consideration during the 2022 session of the Florida Legislature; and

**WHEREAS**, SB 476 and HB 297 would provide stronger civil and criminal penalties for aggressive careless driving resulting in damage to property or person, serious bodily injury, or death; and

**WHEREAS**, the purpose of the bills is to hold reckless drivers accountable for harming or damaging a person or property; and

**WHEREAS**, under current Florida law, aggressive careless driving that causes a person to be hurt, or even killed, does not necessarily result in a criminal offense; and

**WHEREAS**, according to the Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles (FLHSMV), in 2020, there were 341,399 motor vehicle crashes in Florida, resulting in 3,332 fatalities and 212,432 injuries; and

**WHEREAS**, speeding and reckless and distracted driving are some of the most common and leading causes of motor vehicle accidents; and

**WHEREAS**, stronger penalties for aggressive careless driving may assist in decreasing the amount of motor vehicle accidents and any resulting damages, injuries, and/or fatalities; and

**WHEREAS**, as such, this Board supports SB 476, HB 297, the “Anthony Reznik Act,” or similar legislation that would provide stronger penalties for aggressive careless driving that causes damage to property or person, serious bodily injury, or death,

**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 SB 476, HB 297, the “Anthony Reznik Act,” or similar legislation that would provide stronger civil and criminal penalties for aggressive careless driving resulting in damage to property or person, serious bodily injury, or death.

**Section 2.** Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the Governor, Senate President, House Speaker, Senator Jason Pizzo, Representative Vance Arthur Aloupis, Jr., all cosponsors of SB 476, and the Chair and remaining Members of the Miami-Dade State Legislative Delegation.

**Section 3.** Directs the County’s state lobbyists to advocate for the passage of the legislation set forth 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 Commissioner Sally A. Heyman. It was offered by Commissioner **Rebeca Sosa**, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **Oliver G. Gilbert, III** and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Jose "Pepe" Diaz, Chairman	<b>aye</b>		
Oliver G. Gilbert, III, Vice-Chairman	<b>aye</b>		
Sen. René García	<b>aye</b>	Keon Hardemon	<b>aye</b>
Sally A. Heyman	<b>absent</b>	Danielle Cohen Higgins	<b>aye</b>
Eileen Higgins	<b>aye</b>	Joe A. Martinez	<b>aye</b>
Kionne L. McGhee	<b>aye</b>	Jean Monestime	<b>aye</b>
Raquel A. Regalado	<b>aye</b>	Rebeca Sosa	<b>aye</b>
Sen. Javier D. Souto	<b>absent</b>		

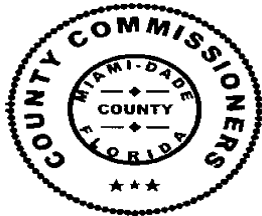
The Chairperson thereupon declared this resolution duly passed and adopted this 1<sup>st</sup> day of March, 2022. This resolution shall become effective upon the earlier of (1) 10 days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the County Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an 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

**Basia Pruna**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Clerk



Approved by County Attorney as  
to form and legal sufficiency.

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Ryan Carlin