

## MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(21)

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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 declaring April 2022  
and the month of April for each  
year thereafter as "Poetry  
Month"

Resolution No. R-235-22

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The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Jean Monestime.



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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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3-1-22

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_ R-235-22

RESOLUTION DECLARING APRIL 2022 AND THE MONTH  
OF APRIL FOR EACH YEAR THEREAFTER AS “POETRY  
MONTH”

**WHEREAS**, National Poetry Month was inaugurated by the Academy of American Poets in April 1996, to mark the importance of poetry, honor the great poets of American history, and to celebrate creativity; and

**WHEREAS**, throughout the month of April, Miami Dade College (MDC) North Campus and the Carrie P. Meek Entrepreneurial Education Center (MEEC) celebrate poetry by observing National Poetry Month; and

**WHEREAS**, the campus officially began celebrating National Poetry Month in 2017, when then City of Miami Mayor Tomás Regalado issued an official proclamation declaring April Poetry Month, which was unveiled at the MEEC; and

**WHEREAS**, since then, MDC students have honored the national observance every April by reading and writing poetry on campus; and

**WHEREAS**, for its civic engagement campaign, the students, faculty, and staff of MDC North Campus have advocated for this declaration to be expanded to all of Miami-Dade County; and

**WHEREAS**, this Board acknowledges that poetry is culturally significant as poems often offer wisdom, uplifting ideas, and language that can help readers gain new perspectives, and explore different cultures,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,** that this Board declares April 2022, and the month of April for each year thereafter as “Poetry Month.”

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Jean Monestime. 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>		

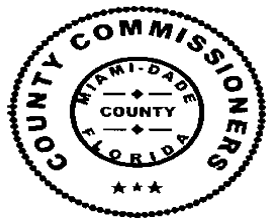
The Chairperson thereupon declared this resolution duly passed and adopted this 1<sup>st</sup> day of March, 2022. This resolution shall become effective upon the earlier of (1) 10 days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the County Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an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

Ashlee A. Pouncy