

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(7)

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

DATE: April 19, 2022

FROM: Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution recognizing
October 2022, and the month
of October each year
thereafter, as LGBTQ History
Month; and directing County
Mayor to collaborate with the
LGBTQ Advisory Board to
organize and plan activities

Resolution No. R-375-22

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



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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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4-19-22

RESOLUTION NO. _____ R-375-22

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING OCTOBER 2022, AND THE MONTH OF OCTOBER EACH YEAR THEREAFTER, AS LGBTQ HISTORY MONTH; AND DIRECTING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO COLLABORATE WITH THE LGBTQ ADVISORY BOARD TO ORGANIZE AND PLAN ACTIVITIES

WHEREAS, every year, the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer ("LGBTQ") community in the United States recognizes October as LGBTQ History Month; and

WHEREAS, LGBTQ History Month recognizes the achievements of individuals in the LGBTQ community to provide role models, build community, encourage informative discussions, and raise visibility and awareness; and

WHEREAS, this tradition dates back to 1994 when high-school history teacher Rodney Wilson originated the idea to designate October as a month-long celebration to recognize and teach lesbian and gay history; and

WHEREAS, since then the celebration has extended to include all members of the LGBTQ community; and

WHEREAS, National Coming Out Day is on October 11, which celebrates coming out and raises visibility and awareness of the LGBTQ community; and

WHEREAS, while this Board, pursuant to Resolution No. R-598-20, recognizes LGBTQ Pride Month every June, which is meant to celebrate the LGBTQ community broadly, LGBTQ History Month is meant to focus on LGBTQ historical figures and their contributions to the world; and

WHEREAS, such historical figures include Susan B. Anthony, James Baldwin, Truman Capote, Laverne Cox, Federico Garcia Lorca, Queen Latifah, Audre Lorde, and Ricky Martin; and

WHEREAS, this Board is proud of Miami-Dade County's vibrant and diverse LGBTQ community, which has greatly contributed to the social, cultural, and economic life of the County; and

WHEREAS, this Board continues to adopt resolutions, ordinances, and policies that support the County's LGBTQ community, such as by creating the Miami-Dade County Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer ("LGBTQ") Advisory Board ("LGBTQ Advisory Board") and by adopting the County's Human Rights Ordinance, which protects against discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation and gender identity and expression, among other protected classifications; and

WHEREAS, the LGBTQ Advisory Board unanimously voted at their October 5, 2021, meeting to urge this Board to adopt a resolution recognizing October as "LGBTQ History Month" going forward; and

WHEREAS, this Board wishes to continue making the County an attractive and safe place for LGBTQ people and their allies; and

WHEREAS, in recognition and in celebration of the rich history of the LGBTQ community and its invaluable contributions to Miami-Dade County, nationwide, and globally, this Board would like to recognize the month of October 2022, and the month of October each year thereafter, as LGBTQ History Month in Miami-Dade County; and

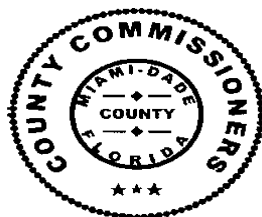
WHEREAS, this Board wishes to direct the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to consult and collaborate with the LGBTQ Advisory Board to organize and plan activities for the month of October 2022, and the month of October each year thereafter,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that this Board hereby recognizes and celebrates the month of October 2022, and the month of October each year thereafter, as LGBTQ History Month in Miami-Dade County. This Board further directs the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to consult and collaborate with the LGBTQ Advisory Board to organize and plan activities for the month of October 2022, and the month of October each year thereafter.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Eileen Higgins. 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 absent
Raquel A. Regalado	aye	Rebeca Sosa aye
Sen. Javier D. Souto	absent	

The Chairperson thereupon declared this resolution duly passed and adopted this 19th day of April, 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.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "fc", is written over a horizontal line.

Fabiana Cohen