

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(5)

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

DATE: April 19, 2022

FROM: Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution directing the County
Mayor to wrap one Miami-Dade
Police Department vehicle in thin
blue line ceremonial wrapping
during the month of May for Law
Enforcement Appreciation
Month and fallen officer
awareness

Resolution No. R-373-22

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



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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-373-22

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR
MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO WRAP ONE MIAMI-DADE POLICE
DEPARTMENT VEHICLE IN THIN BLUE LINE
CEREMONIAL WRAPPING DURING THE MONTH OF MAY
FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT APPRECIATION MONTH AND
FALLEN OFFICER AWARENESS

WHEREAS, the phrase “the thin blue line” has been popularized as referring to the concept of the police—and the blue color of many police departments’ uniforms—being the line that separates the public from descending into chaos and anarchy; and

WHEREAS, among law enforcement as well as the public at large, displays of the thin blue line have come to symbolize support for police officers; and

WHEREAS, displays of the thin blue line can signal an understanding of the sacrifices and risks that law enforcement officers accept every day to keep their communities safe; and

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade Police Department (“MDPD”) officers work tirelessly to protect the health, safety, and welfare of Miami-Dade County residents, often at great personal risk, especially during the coronavirus disease 2019 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, this Board wishes to show support for the MDPD and recognize the sacrifices made by the law enforcement community; and

WHEREAS, this Board also wishes to recognize and honor those officers who have made the ultimate sacrifice; and

WHEREAS, ceremonial vehicle wrappings have been applied to MDPD vehicles for a number of other causes, including a breast cancer awareness vehicle, a Pride vehicle honoring the LGBTQIA community, a DARE (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) vehicle, an Honor Guard vehicle, an Autism Awareness vehicle in honor of World Autism Awareness Day, and a STAND (Students Together Against Negative Decisions) vehicle; and

WHEREAS, section 683.11, Florida Statutes, designates the month of May of each year as “Law Enforcement Appreciation Month”; and

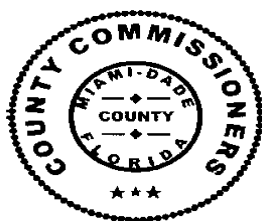
WHEREAS, this Board wishes to recognize, honor, and support law enforcement, particularly fallen officers, by directing the County Mayor to wrap a Miami-Dade Police Department vehicle in a thin blue line during the month of May of each year,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that this Board directs the County Mayor or Mayor’s designee to wrap one Miami-Dade Police Department vehicle in a “thin blue line” ceremonial wrapping during the month of May of each year for Law Enforcement Appreciation Month and to promote fallen officer awareness.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Joe A. Martinez. 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

By: Basia Pruna
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "AV", is written over a horizontal line.

Anita Viciano Zapata