

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(9)

TO: Honorable Chairman Oliver G. Gilbert, III
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: May 2, 2023

FROM: Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution declaring May 2023
and the month of May in each
subsequent year thereafter as
“Foster Care Awareness Month”
in Miami-Dade County

Resolution No. R-436-23

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


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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5-2-23

RESOLUTION NO. _____ R-436-23

RESOLUTION DECLARING MAY 2023 AND THE MONTH OF
MAY IN EACH SUBSEQUENT YEAR THEREAFTER AS
“FOSTER CARE AWARENESS MONTH” IN MIAMI-DADE
COUNTY

WHEREAS, according to the United States’ Children’s Bureau, Administration for Children and Families, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (“Children’s Bureau”), there have been over 600,000 children in foster care each year from 2012 to 2021; and

WHEREAS, according to The Children’s Trust, there are about 3,500 children in foster care in the Miami-Dade area; and

WHEREAS, according to the Children’s Bureau, over 200,000 children have entered foster care each of those years and over 200,000 children have exited foster care each of those years, with a number of children entering and exiting multiples times throughout their childhood; and

WHEREAS, according to the Children’s Bureau, fewer than 70,000 children were adopted with public child welfare agency involvement each year; and

WHEREAS, according to the Children’s Bureau, up to 80 percent of children in foster care have significant mental health issues, compared to approximately 20 percent of the general population; and

WHEREAS, approximately 20,000 youths age out of foster care each year in the United States without being adopted; and

WHEREAS, children are the future of our community; and

WHEREAS, numerous individuals—including caregivers, school teachers and employees, family members, child welfare professionals, and volunteers—share responsibility for caring for the children in foster care, providing them a safe environment, and promoting reunification; and

WHEREAS, May is National Foster Care month; and

WHEREAS, the Board acknowledges the hard work of the Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce’s Leadership Miami Cohort 43 and the ALivE305 Group in raising over \$20,000.00 for His House Children’s Home and championing efforts to raise foster care awareness in Miami-Dade County; and

WHEREAS, this Board acknowledges the importance of recognizing the month of May as Foster Care Awareness Month in Miami-Dade County as an opportunity to raise awareness of foster care youth,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that this Board hereby declares the month of May 2023, and the month of May in each subsequent year, as “Foster Care Awareness Month” in Miami-Dade County.

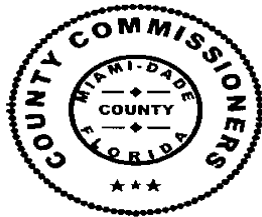
The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Eileen Higgins. It was offered by Commissioner **Eileen Higgins**, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **Marleine Bastien** and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Oliver G. Gilbert, III, Chairman	aye		
Anthony Rodríguez, Vice Chairman	aye		
Marleine Bastien	aye	Juan Carlos Bermudez	aye
Kevin Marino Cabrera	aye	Sen. René García	aye
Roberto J. Gonzalez	aye	Keon Hardemon	aye
Danielle Cohen Higgins	aye	Eileen Higgins	aye
Kionne L. McGhee	aye	Raquel A. Regalado	aye
Micky Steinberg	aye		

The Chairperson thereupon declared this resolution duly passed and adopted this 2nd day of May, 2023. 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

LUIS G. MONTALDO, CLERK AD INTERIM



Basia Pruna

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.

VNS

Veronica Sanchez