

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 14(A)(7)

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

DATE: July 18, 2023

FROM: Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution declaring March 2024 and the month of March for each year thereafter as Child Sex Trafficking Prevention Month in Miami-Dade County; directing the County Mayor to conspicuously place informational posters regarding child sex trafficking in Miami-Dade County buildings; directing the County Mayor to conduct a study on the effects of child sex trafficking in Miami-Dade County; and requiring reports

Resolution No. R-707-23

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Roberto J. Gonzalez.


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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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7-18-23

RESOLUTION NO. _____ R-707-23

RESOLUTION DECLARING MARCH 2024 AND THE MONTH OF MARCH FOR EACH YEAR THEREAFTER AS CHILD SEX TRAFFICKING PREVENTION MONTH IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY; DIRECTING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO CONSPICUOUSLY PLACE INFORMATIONAL POSTERS REGARDING CHILD SEX TRAFFICKING IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY BUILDINGS; DIRECTING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO CONDUCT A STUDY ON THE EFFECTS OF CHILD SEX TRAFFICKING IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY; AND REQUIRING REPORTS

WHEREAS, sex trafficking encompasses the range of activities involved when a trafficker uses force, fraud, or coercion to compel another person to engage in a commercial sex act or causes a child to engage in a commercial sex act; and

WHEREAS, the International Labour Organization (ILO) and the Walk Free Foundation, collaborating with the International Organization for Migration (IOM), estimated that in 2021 a total of 6,300,000 people globally were in situations of forced commercial sexual exploitation, including 1,700,000 children in commercial sexual exploitation—about a quarter of the total; and

WHEREAS, according to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Administration for Children and Families, in 2019, 29 state child welfare systems reported 877 victims of sex trafficking; and

WHEREAS, according to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Administration for Children and Families, in 2020, 35 state child welfare systems reported 953 victims of sex trafficking; and

WHEREAS, children who are victims of trafficking frequently have a history of trauma, abuse, and neglect, and traffickers exploit these adverse experiences to target children; and

WHEREAS, the prevention of child abuse, including the sex trafficking of children, requires proactively addressing vulnerabilities and increasing awareness of this horrific practice; and

WHEREAS, public awareness of child sex trafficking may be increased through the conspicuous placement of child sex trafficking information in public buildings; and

WHEREAS, informational posters can make the public aware not only of child sex trafficking data, but also ways to prevent, identify, and report potential child sex trafficking; and

WHEREAS, enlisting the public's assistance in recognizing and reporting potential child sex trafficking can be a great benefit in the fight against child sex trafficking; and

WHEREAS, a study on the effects of child sex trafficking in Miami-Dade County specifically would also help bring public awareness to this horrific practice; and

WHEREAS, this Board would like to help raise awareness and prevent child sex trafficking,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that this Board:

Section 1. Declares March 2024, and the month of March for each year thereafter, as Child Sex Trafficking Prevention Month in Miami-Dade County.

Section 2. Directs the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to, using legally available funds in the FY 22-23 budget, conspicuously place informational posters regarding child sex trafficking in public areas at Miami-Dade County buildings, which shall include, at a minimum, information regarding the dangers and signs of child sex trafficking, ways to recognize

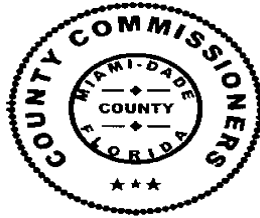
potential child sex trafficking, and ways to report potential child sex trafficking. The County Mayor or County Mayor's designee shall provide a report to this Board within 180 days of the effective date of this resolution regarding this directive and the locations where informational posters have been displayed, and place the completed report on an agenda of the full Board without committee review pursuant to rule 5.06(j) of the Board's Rules of Procedure. Alternatively, if the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee is unable to identify legally available funds within the FY 22-23 budget for this purpose, the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee shall provide a written report within 60 days of the effective date of this resolution setting forth any reasons why funds have not been identified or cannot be used or allocated for such purposes, and place the completed report on an agenda of the full Board without committee review pursuant to rule 5.06(j) of the Board's Rules of Procedure.

Section 3. Directs the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to conduct a study on the effects of child sex trafficking in Miami-Dade County, and to provide a report to this Board within 180 days of the effective date of this resolution containing the results of the study and place the completed report on an agenda of the full Board without committee review pursuant to rule 5.06(j) of the Board's Rules of Procedure.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Roberto J. Gonzalez. It was offered by Commissioner **Eileen Higgins**, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **Anthony Rodriguez** 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 18th day of July, 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

JUAN FERNANDEZ-BARQUIN, CLERK

By: **Basia Pruna**
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.

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

Jose I. Ortega
Anita Viciano Zapata