

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(9)

TO: Honorable Chairman Anthony Rodriguez
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

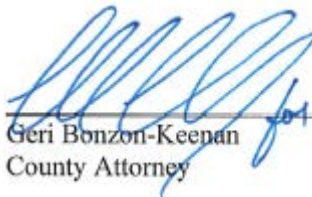
DATE: April 1, 2025

FROM: Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution recognizing “Rail
Safety Week” in 2025 and each
year thereafter; directing the
County Mayor to conduct a
public awareness campaign
regarding Rail Safety Week and
the importance of rail safety,
which is to coincide with Rail
Safety Week in 2025 and each
year thereafter

Resolution No. R-369-25

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



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County Attorney

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(Revised)

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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 ____, majority plus one ____, 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) ____, 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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4-1-25

RESOLUTION NO. _____ R-369-25

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING “RAIL SAFETY WEEK” IN 2025 AND EACH YEAR THEREAFTER; DIRECTING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR’S DESIGNEE TO CONDUCT A PUBLIC AWARENESS CAMPAIGN REGARDING RAIL SAFETY WEEK AND THE IMPORTANCE OF RAIL SAFETY, WHICH IS TO COINCIDE WITH RAIL SAFETY WEEK IN 2025 AND EACH YEAR THEREAFTER

WHEREAS, every three hours in the United States, a vehicle or person is hit by a train;
and

WHEREAS, more than 2,300 people are injured or killed annually in railroad crossing and trespass incidents in North America; and

WHEREAS, more than 60 percent of collisions occur at crossings equipped with lights and/or gates; and

WHEREAS, according to preliminary Federal Railroad Administration statistics, there were 2,192 highway-rail grade crossing collisions, 247 crossing fatalities, and 766 crossing injuries across the United States in 2023; and

WHEREAS, Florida was ranked as the state with the fourth highest number of incidents, with 122 collisions, 20 deaths, and 47 injuries in 2023; and

WHEREAS, Rail Safety Week, which was first held in the United States in 2017, and most recently occurred during the week of September 23 through September 29, 2024, is a collaborative effort between Operation Life Saver, Inc. – the nation’s leader in rail safety education – State Operation Lifesaver Programs, and rail safety partners across the United States, Canada, and Mexico; and

WHEREAS, Rail Safety Week, which aims to save lives by educating and empowering the public to stay safe around railroad tracks, is a concentrated week of rail safety education focusing attention on the importance of making safe choices when driving or walking near railroad tracks and trains; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Department of Transportation joined transportation partners throughout the state and county in recognizing Rail Safety Week in September 2024; and

WHEREAS, this Board believes rail safety is of the utmost importance and wishes to also recognize, and direct the County Mayor to conduct a public awareness campaign regarding, Rail Safety Week in 2025 and each year thereafter,

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

Section 1. Recognizes Rail Safety Week in 2025 each year thereafter.

Section 2. Directs the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to conduct a public awareness campaign regarding Rail Safety Week and the importance of rail safety, through including but not limited to, the use of social media posts, which is to coincide with Rail Safety Week in 2025 and each year thereafter.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Raquel A. Regalado. It was offered by Commissioner **Danielle Cohen Higgins** , who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **Roberto J. Gonzalez** and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

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

The Chairperson thereupon declared this resolution duly passed and adopted this 1st day of April, 2025. 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.

D.P.C

Dale P. Clarke