

## **MEMORANDUM**

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(3)

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

**DATE:** May 6, 2025

**FROM:** Geri Bonzon-Keenan  
County Attorney

**SUBJECT:** Resolution declaring May 14,  
2025, as "Teach the Arts Day" in  
Miami-Dade County in honor of  
its arts educators

Resolution No. R-440-25

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

  
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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 \_\_\_\_, 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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5-6-25

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_ R-440-25

RESOLUTION DECLARING MAY 14, 2025, AS “TEACH THE ARTS DAY” IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY IN HONOR OF ITS ARTS EDUCATORS

**WHEREAS**, the Miami-Dade County Youth Commission is committed to making a difference in the lives of young people by supporting their engagement in the arts; and

**WHEREAS**, the arts improves and enriches the lives of young people and plays a critical role in childhood development; and

**WHEREAS**, studies have consistently documented the benefits that accompany an arts-inclusive education; and

**WHEREAS**, dance, for example, promotes memory development and pattern recognition, which can translate into benefits for learning English and math; and

**WHEREAS**, theater and music help sharpen students’ communication and social-emotional skills; and

**WHEREAS**, according to Americans for the Arts, students involved in the arts are four times more likely to be recognized for academic achievement, four times more likely to participate in a math or science fair, and more than twice as likely to graduate college as their peers with no arts education; and

**WHEREAS**, research also supports the role that the arts plays in helping young people’s mental health, serving as a resource to overcome negative emotions, such as anxiety, depression, and sadness; and

**WHEREAS**, arts education can also be a powerful motivator for students at school, improving attitudes and increasing school attendance; and

**WHEREAS**, arts education is and should remain a public priority in Miami-Dade County; and

**WHEREAS**, Miami-Dade County’s Department of Cultural Affairs, with support from The Children’s Trust, reaches more than 290,000 children each year through its programs, which include scholarships to summer arts and science camps, cultural outreach programs in underserved neighborhoods, and inclusive activities for children with disabilities; and

**WHEREAS**, Miami-Dade County Public Schools offers art, music, and theater programs in its schools, and the County is home to several prestigious schools dedicated to the arts, including New World School of the Arts, and Design & Architecture Senior High School; and

**WHEREAS**, this variety of offerings would not be possible without the vital work and contributions of Miami-Dade’s arts educators, who dedicate their lives and efforts to supporting artistic development and success for the next generation; and

**WHEREAS**, the Miami-Dade Youth Commission proposed, and this Board supports, a day to celebrate arts educators in Miami-Dade County, to take place during the third week of May, which has been declared by the Association of Teaching Artists to be “National Teaching Artists Appreciation Week,”

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA**, that this Board declares May 14, 2025, as “Teach the Arts Day” in honor of arts educators in Miami-Dade County, and urges all to encourage the observance of this date with appropriate exhibitions and activities to celebrate the vital work and creative contributions of arts educators 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 **Kionne L. McGhee** and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

	Anthony Rodriguez, Chairman	<b>aye</b>	
	Kionne L. McGhee, Vice Chairman	<b>aye</b>	
Marleine Bastien	<b>aye</b>	Juan Carlos Bermudez	<b>aye</b>
Sen. René García	<b>aye</b>	Oliver G. Gilbert, III	<b>aye</b>
Roberto J. Gonzalez	<b>aye</b>	Keon Hardemon	<b>aye</b>
Danielle Cohen Higgins	<b>aye</b>	Eileen Higgins	<b>aye</b>
Raquel A. Regalado	<b>aye</b>	Micky Steinberg	<b>aye</b>
District 6 - Vacant			

The Chairperson thereupon declared this resolution duly passed and adopted this 6<sup>th</sup> day of May, 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.

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Leigh C. Kobrinski