

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 5(A)

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

DATE: December 2, 2025

FROM: Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution naming the new
Sumatran tiger habitat at Zoo
Miami as the "Cecil and Ana
Milton Family Foundation
Stripes of Sumatra" by a three-
fifths vote of Board members
present

Resolution No. R-1141-25

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Vice Chairman Kionne L. McGhee.



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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 ____, 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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12-2-25

RESOLUTION NO. R-1141-25

RESOLUTION NAMING THE NEW SUMATRAN TIGER
HABITAT AT ZOO MIAMI AS THE “CECIL AND ANA
MILTON FAMILY FOUNDATION STRIPES OF SUMATRA”
BY A THREE-FIFTHS VOTE OF BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

WHEREAS, Zoo Miami is a Miami-Dade County facility operated by the Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces Department and serves as a leading center for wildlife conservation, education, and community engagement; and

WHEREAS, Zoo Miami Foundation is the exclusive non-profit partner of Zoo Miami with a mission to inspire people to preserve nature and motivate others to join us through community engagement, fundraising, and building relationships; and

WHEREAS, the Sumatran tiger is a critically endangered species, with fewer than 400 individuals remaining in the wild, making this new habitat a critical component of Zoo Miami’s mission to protect and conserve imperiled wildlife; and

WHEREAS, Ana VeigaMilton and Cecil Milton are lifelong philanthropists whose charitable leadership has enriched countless causes throughout Miami-Dade County; and

WHEREAS, the Milton family has demonstrated extraordinary commitment to wildlife conservation through a \$2,000,000.00 gift to the Zoo Miami Foundation to support the creation of a new, state-of-the-art Sumatran tiger habitat; and

WHEREAS, the Milton’s generosity will enable the design and construction of an innovative, naturalistic habitat that provides exceptional animal welfare, supports global conservation breeding efforts, and inspires the public to protect tigers and their ecosystems; and

WHEREAS, Rule 9.02 of the Board's Rules of Procedure provides that resolutions regarding the naming or renaming of Miami-Dade County facilities shall be sponsored by the district commissioner where the facility is located; and

WHEREAS, Zoo Miami is located in County Commission District 9; and

WHEREAS, Rule 9.02(d) allows the Board, by a three-fifths vote of members present, to name a County facility after living individuals who have made a direct, significant contribution to the community; and

WHEREAS, this Board wishes to honor Ana VeigaMilton and Cecil Milton for their transformational philanthropic gift and their enduring dedication to wildlife conservation,

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

Section 1. This Board finds that Ana VeigaMilton and Cecil Milton have made a significant contribution this community pursuant to Rule 9.02(d).

Section 2. Having considered the matter at public hearing and by a three-fifths vote of Board members present, names the new Sumatran tiger habitat at Zoo Miami the "Cecil and Ana Milton Foundation Stripes of Sumatra."

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Vice Chairman Kionne L. McGhee. It was offered by Commissioner **Oliver G. Gilbert, III**, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **Raquel A. Regalado** 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
Sen. René García	aye	Oliver G. Gilbert, III	aye
Roberto J. Gonzalez	absent	Keon Hardemon	aye
Danielle Cohen Higgins	aye	Vicki L. Lopez	aye
Natalie Milian Orbis	aye	Raquel A. Regalado	aye
Micky Steinberg	aye		

The Chairperson thereupon declared this resolution duly passed and adopted this 2nd day of December, 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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Melanie J. Spencer