



Broward County

Legislation Text

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Broward County Commission Regular Meeting

Director's Name: Bob Melton

Department: County Auditor

Information

Requested Action

MOTION TO ACKNOWLEDGE AND FILE Office of the County Auditor's Status of Women in Broward County Report 2021 - Report No. 21-10.

Why Action is Necessary

What Action Accomplishes

Is this Action Goal Related

No

Previous Action Taken

Summary Explanation/Background

On November 5, 2019, the Broward County Board of County Commissioners unanimously voted to approve the enactment of Ordinance 2019-35, creating Article V, Sections 16 ½ -81 and 16 ½ -82, of the Broward County Code of Ordinances, adopting the United Nations' Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW). CEDAW provides an international standard for protecting and promoting women's human rights and is frequently referred to as the "Bill of Rights" for women.

The Ordinance tasked my Office with the responsibility to gather and provide gender equity data in the categories of economic development, health and safety and education. Accordingly, we engaged the services of Florida International University, Jorge M. Pérez Metropolitan Center, a leading urban policy think tank and solutions center, to conduct research and gather the data required. Over the past months, their team has worked diligently to identify valuable information in these key areas, while my Office has been engaged in coordinating with various County agencies to ensure the accuracy and completeness of data provided regarding County operations.

We are pleased to present to you the collaborative results of this effort, the Status of Women in Broward County 2021 - Report No. 21-10 (Report). This is the first biennial report on women's economic development, health, and safety in Broward County and provides a baseline of women's overall wellbeing in the County. The Report will be provided to the Board as additional material.

As required by Ordinance, this Report, and the gender equity data provided herein, is also being presented to the Broward County Commission on the Status of Women, who, in accordance with the Ordinance, will analyze the data and make recommendations to the County Commission.

We would also like to recognize the efforts of the various County departments and agencies who assisted in providing some of the data, including the County's Human Resources Division, the Intergovernmental Affairs/Boards Section, the Office of Economic and Small Business Development, the Human Services Department as well as the Broward County Public Schools and the Broward Sheriff's Office.

Source of Additional Information

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Fiscal Impact

Fiscal Impact/Cost Summary

No fiscal impact.