



## **Town of Miami Lakes Memorandum**

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**To:** Honorable Mayor and Honorable Councilmembers

**From:** Honorable Councilmember Josh Dieguez

**Subject:** Curbing Domestic Abuse

**Date:** May 19, 2020

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### **Recommendation:**

\*This item requires the waiver of Section 7.3 of the Special Rules of Order\*

I move to direct the Public Safety Committee explore, develop, and adopt recommendations for aiding victims of domestic abuse, whether they are children or adults. During COVID-19 the number of reported abuse have declined. Experts believe that it is not because abuse has declined but rather that the lockdown and curfews have had the unintended consequences of limiting access to the normal methods of detecting or reporting abuse. As a result I believe it is important that our Public Safety Committee take a leading role in addressing this important issue with a view to not only addressing it in Miami Lakes but also in the broader community by communicating its findings through a resolution at a future Council Meeting. Chair Rodgers has indicated her willingness to tackle this matter and has already considered potential partnerships with other committees and organizations to do so.

Fiscal Impact: Minimal

Funding Source for Implementation: Communications Budget - GF

Timeline for Implementation: Immediate

Guiding Principles: 1, 2,3,4, 12, 14

Objectives: 5, 6