



MIAMI DADE COUNTY 2018 FEDERAL CRITICAL PRIORITIES

- **SMART Plan Funding – *SUPPORT*** funding for all corridors in the Strategic Miami Area Rapid Transit (SMART) Plan.
- **Adequate U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) and CBP Agriculture (CBP-Ag) Staffing at MIA – *ADVOCATE*** for CBP staffing for arriving international passengers and cargo are a critical component of operations at MIA. As the federal government continues to increase security measures and inspections of arriving international passengers and cargo, maintaining sufficient CBP and CBP-Ag staffing at MIA in the face of rising volumes in travel and trade is critical. Without the necessary CBP staffing resources to efficiently process arriving international passengers and time-sensitive cargo, particularly perishables, excessive wait times and costly inspection delays are incurred. These delays severely impact tourism, impede international business and commerce and cost South Florida jobs. MIA continues to participate in the reimbursement program which allows local governments to voluntarily reimburse CBP overtime thereby increasing officers for processing arriving international passenger and cargo areas. While this program is a great opportunity to leverage valuable local and federal resources to decrease the delays is not intended to be a long term solution. MIA supports a combination of solutions including best practice, alternative and traditional mechanisms to fund staffing and technology for the processing of international passengers and cargo.
- **Justice Assistance Grants funding - *ADVOCATE*** for full funding of the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (“Byrne JAG”) program by the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance. There are proposed cuts to this vital federal law enforcement program that would be detrimental to the county.
- **R-1090-17: RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE FLOOD PROTECTION ACT, H.R. 2607, OR SIMILAR LEGISLATION PENDING BEFORE, OR FILED FOR CONSIDERATION IN, THE 115TH UNITED STATES CONGRESS THAT WOULD AUTHORIZE GRANTS FOR COASTAL FLOODING MITIGATION AND ADAPTATION INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS**
- **R-1094-17: RESOLUTION URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO ENACT S. 1615, H.R. 3440, THE DREAM ACT, OR SIMILAR LEGISLATION THAT WOULD REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY TO CANCEL THE DEPORTATION OF AND GRANT LEGAL STATUS TO INDIVIDUALS WHO WERE GRANTED DEFERRED ACTION FOR CHILDHOOD ARRIVALS (DACA) STATUS; OPPOSING THE DEPORTATION OF DACA DREAMERS; URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO ENACT LEGISLATION THAT WOULD PROTECT DACA DREAMERS FROM DEPORTATION AND CREATE A PATHWAY TO LEGAL**

STATUS; AND OPPOSING THE ISSUANCE OF EXECUTIVE ORDERS FURTHER LIMITING THE DACA PROGRAM

- **R-1211-17:** RESOLUTION URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO INCREASE SECTION 8 HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHER PROGRAM REVENUES FOR PUBLIC HOUSING AGENCIES, INCLUDING MIAMI-DADE COUNTY; AND URGING THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT TO RAISE THE FAIR MARKET RENTS FOR MIAMI-DADE COUNTY
- **R-1249-17:** RESOLUTION URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO ENACT S. 819 OR H.R. 1869, THE PAYCHECK FAIRNESS ACT, OR SIMILAR EQUAL PAY LEGISLATION TO ADDRESS DISPARITIES IN PAY BETWEEN MEN AND WOMEN
- **R-180-18:** RESOLUTION URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO REINSTATE THE FEDERAL ASSAULT WEAPONS BAN OR ENACT LEGISLATION IMPOSING RESTRICTIONS ON THE ABILITY TO OBTAIN AN ASSAULT WEAPON. INCLUDING RAISING THE AGE LIMIT TO 21 YEARS OF AGE WITH CERTAIN EXCEPTIONS. IMPOSING A WAITING PERIOD AND REQUIRING A REVIEW OF THE MENTAL HEALTH OF POTENTIAL ASSAULT WEAPONS PURCHASERS; URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO IMPOSE A STATE ASSAULT WEAPONS BAN OR ENACT LEGISLATION IMPOSING RESTRICTIONS ON THE ABILITY TO OBTAIN AN ASSAULT WEAPON. INCLUDING RAISING THE AGE LIMIT TO 21 YEARS OF AGE WITH CERTAIN EXCEPTIONS. EXTENDING THE WAITING PERIOD AND REQUIRING A REVIEW OF THE MENTAL HEALTH OF POTENTIAL ASSAULT WEAPONS PURCHASERS; ALTERNATIVELY, URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO LIFT THE PREEMPTION ON LOCAL GOVERNMENTS' REGULATION OF ASSAULT WEAPONS IN FLORIDA AND ALLOW LOCAL GOVERNMENTS TO IMPOSE AN ASSAULT WEAPONS BAN
- **R-479-18:** RESOLUTION URGING THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE TO RECONSIDER AND OMIT THE PROPOSED CITIZENSHIP QUESTION FROM THE 2020 CENSUS; URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO EXERCISE CONGRESSIONAL OVERSIGHT REGARDING THE CITIZENSHIP QUESTION; AND URGING THE STATE OF FLORIDA, THROUGH ITS ATTORNEY GENERAL, TO JOIN THE LAWSUIT TO ENJOIN THE CITIZENSHIP QUESTION ON THE 2020 CENSUS
- **R-480-18:** RESOLUTION URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO ENACT THE VETERAN URGENT ACCESS TO MENTAL HEALTHCARE ACT, S. 2548, H.R. 918 OR SIMILAR LEGISLATION THAT WOULD DIRECT THE SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS TO FURNISH MENTAL HEALTH CARE TO CERTAIN FORMER MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES WHO ARE NOT OTHERWISE ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE SUCH CARE

- **R-484-18:** RESOLUTION URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO PASS S. 258, H.R. 762, OR SIMILAR LEGISLATION DESIGNED TO ALLOW HOLOCAUST-ERA SURVIVORS AND THEIR HEIRS TO SEEK REDRESS FROM INSURANCE POLICY PROVIDERS
- **R-625-18:** RESOLUTION URGING THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY AND THE FLORIDA DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT TO CONTINUE TO ALLOW SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO DIRECTLY APPLY FOR FEDERAL AND STATE REIMBURSEMENTS FOR COSTS INCURRED IN OPENING SCHOOLS AS HURRICANE SHELTERS
- **R-648-18:** RESOLUTION URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO ENACT S. 2856, H.R. 5987, THE LIBERTY CITY RISING ACT, OR SIMILAR LEGISLATION THAT WILL REFORM THE REQUIREMENTS REGARDING THE SAFETY AND SECURITY OF FAMILIES LIVING IN PUBLIC AND OTHER FEDERALLY ASSISTED HOUSING IN HIGH-CRIME AREAS, AND TO ALLOCATE ADDITIONAL FUNDING TO ADEQUATELY IMPLEMENT AND MAINTAIN SECURITY PROVISIONS REQUIRED IN S. 2856, H.R. 5987, THE LIBERTY CITY RISING ACT OR SIMILAR LEGISLATION; AND PRELIMINARILY IDENTIFYING THIS ISSUE AS A CRITICAL COUNTY FEDERAL PRIORITY FOR 2018
- **R-656-18:** RESOLUTION URGING PRESIDENT DONALD TRUMP AND THE DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY NOT TO SEPARATE FAMILIES AS PART OF THE ENFORCEMENT OF FEDERAL IMMIGRATION LAW AND TO EXPEDITE THE REVIEW OF ASYLUM REQUESTS OF IMMIGRANTS TRAVELING WITH MINORS TO OCCUR WITHIN 15 DAYS; FURTHER URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO ENACT LEGISLATION MANDATING THAT IMMIGRANT FAMILIES BE KEPT TOGETHER UPON CROSSING THE U.S. BORDER [SEE ORIGINAL ITEM UNDER FILE NO. 181522]