

MEMORANDUM

Substitute
Agenda Item No. 11(A)(21)

TO: Honorable Chairman Esteban L. Bovo, Jr.
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

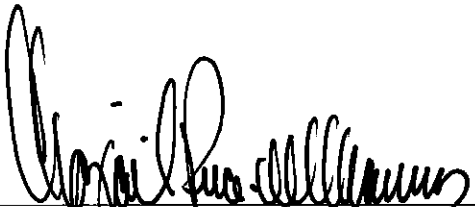
DATE: July 10, 2018

FROM: Abigail Price-Williams
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution approving the 2018 federal legislative package, including "urging" resolutions adopted by the Board to date, guiding principles, departmental legislative requests and priorities of the Public Health Trust

This substitute differs from the original item in that it updates federal urging resolutions passed by the Board at recent Board meetings, indicates by shading federal urging items that have already passed the United States Congress or been otherwise addressed, and updates and revises several federal departmental requests.

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Chairman Esteban L. Bovo, Jr.


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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 ____, 3/5's ____, unanimous ____) to approve
- Current information regarding funding source, index code and available balance, and available capacity (if debt is contemplated) required

Approved _____ Mayor
Veto _____
Override _____

Substitute
Agenda Item No. 11(A)(21)
7-10-18

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE 2018 FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE PACKAGE, INCLUDING "URGING" RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY THE BOARD TO DATE, GUIDING PRINCIPLES, DEPARTMENTAL LEGISLATIVE REQUESTS AND PRIORITIES OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH TRUST

WHEREAS, the 115th United States Congress is currently ongoing; and

WHEREAS, on January 24, 2012, this Board approved Resolution No. R-59-12, which directed the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs, when it presents the proposed federal or state legislative package respectively to the Board, to include all "urging" resolutions and other resolutions related to federal or state legislation passed by the Board of County Commissioners to date for the current Congress or session; and

WHEREAS, on September 17, 2013, this Board approved Resolution No. R-764-13, which directed that the federal and state legislative packages each be presented to the Board in two separate companion items, one consisting of no more than ten priorities for distribution to the Miami-Dade Legislative Delegation and the other to include guiding principles, Board "urging" resolutions enacted to date and departmental items for approval by the Board; and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. R-764-13 provided that, upon the priorities being approved and effective including any amendments by the Board, the Chair of the Board, or a County Commissioner designated by the Chair, shall transmit the priorities to the respective federal or state legislative delegation; and

WHEREAS, the proposed 2018 federal legislative package, including “urging” resolutions enacted by the Board to date, guiding principles, departmental legislative requests and priorities of the Public Health Trust, is attached to this resolution and incorporated by reference,

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

Section 1. Approves the 2018 federal legislative package, including “urging” resolutions adopted by the Board through the ~~[[April 10, 2018]]~~¹ >>June 19, 2018<< meeting, guiding principles, departmental legislative requests and priorities of the Public Health Trust, as set forth in the attached.

Section 2. Directs the County’s federal lobbyists to advocate for the 2018 federal legislative package.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Chairman Esteban L. Bovo, Jr. It was offered by Commissioner _____, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner _____ and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Esteban L. Bovo, Jr., Chairman	
Audrey M. Edmonson, Vice Chairwoman	
Daniella Levine Cava	Jose "Pepe" Diaz
Sally A. Heyman	Eileen Higgins
Barbara J. Jordan	Joe A. Martinez
Jean Monestime	Dennis C. Moss
Rebeca Sosa	Sen. Javier D. Souto
Xavier L. Suarez	

¹ The differences between the substitute and the original item are indicated as follows: Words stricken through and/or ~~[[double bracketed]]~~ shall be deleted, words underscored and/or >>double arrowed<< are added.

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 10th day of July, 2018. 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

HARVEY RUVIN, CLERK

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.

JMM

Jess M. McCarty



MIAMI-DADE COUNTY 2018 FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE PACKAGE

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

- **Home Rule and Preemption:** *SUPPORT* preservation of local home rule; *OPPOSE* any effort to preempt local authority.
- **Federal Funding, Cost Shifts and Unfunded Mandates:** *SUPPORT* preservation of existing federal funding for County programs; and *OPPOSE* any additional cost shifts or unfunded mandates from the federal government to the County, and any reductions in County revenue or formula funding from the federal government. *OPPOSE* any measure that would adversely affect County revenues.
- **Protect Previous Federal Funding:** *SUPPORT* efforts to secure the same level of federal funding for County programs as last year.
- **Promote Partnerships:** *SUPPORT* partnerships with other counties, municipalities, national associations, and any other entity that would help to create favorable outcomes for the County.



**MIAMI-DADE COUNTY
2018 FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE AGENDA**

**MIAMI-DADE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FEDERAL RESOLUTIONS**

As of June 19, 2018 and in chronological order of passage

A gray background indicates a resolved resolution.

R-890-17: RESOLUTION URGING PRESIDENT DONALD TRUMP AND THE UNITED STATES SECRETARY OF HOMELAND SECURITY TO EXTEND TEMPORARY PROTECTED STATUS FOR HAITIAN NATIONALS FOR 18 MONTHS BEYOND JANUARY 22, 2018, PRELIMINARILY IDENTIFYING THIS ISSUE AS A CRITICAL COUNTY PRIORITY FOR THE 2018 FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE SESSION

R-931-17: RESOLUTION URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS AND THE UNITED STATES FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION TO REQUIRE ALL CELLULAR PHONE SERVICE PROVIDERS TO ACTIVATE THE FM CHIP IN SMART PHONES

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-1095-17: RESOLUTION OPPOSING HR 367, THE HEARING PROTECTION ACT OF 2017, OR SIMILAR LEGISLATION THAT WOULD REPEAL CURRENT FEDERAL REGULATIONS ON FIREARM SILENCERS

R-1097-17: RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE CANCELLATION OF THE MILITARY ACCESSIONS VITAL TO NATIONAL INTEREST ("MAVNI") PROGRAM AND URGING THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE TO CONTINUE THE MAVNI PROGRAM

R-1119-17: RESOLUTION URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO ENACT S. 2066, A BILL ENTITLED THE DISASTER DISPLACEMENT ACT OF 2017, OR SIMILAR LEGISLATION

R-1120-17: RESOLUTION URGING PRESIDENT DONALD J. TRUMP TO DECLARE THE OPIOID CRISIS A NATIONAL EMERGENCY

R-1122-17: RESOLUTION URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO ENACT S. 1693, H.R. 1865 OR SIMILAR LEGISLATION THAT WOULD CLARIFY THAT THE COMMUNICATIONS ACT OF 1934 DOES NOT PROHIBIT THE ENFORCEMENT OF FEDERAL AND STATE CRIMINAL AND CIVIL LAW RELATING TO SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OR SEX TRAFFICKING OF CHILDREN OR ADULTS AGAINST PROVIDERS AND USERS OF INTERACTIVE COMPUTER SERVICES

R-1131-17: RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONCERNS RELATED TO H.R. 1, A BILL ENTITLED THE TAX CUTS AND JOBS ACT, URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO AMEND H.R. 1 TO: (I) PRESERVE PRIVATE ACTIVITY BONDS USED BY DEVELOPERS OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND GOVERNMENT OWNED AIRPORTS; (II) PRESERVE THE NEW MARKET TAX CREDIT, THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION TAX CREDIT, THE \$7,500 ELECTRIC VEHICLE TAX CREDIT, AND THE WIND ENERGY PRODUCTION TAX CREDIT; (III) PROVIDE INCREASED TAX RELIEF FOR SMALL BUSINESSES, AND (IV) PRESERVE THE JOHNSON AMENDMENT

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-1245-17: RESOLUTION URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO ENACT S. 473, H.R. 3272, OR SIMILAR LEGISLATION THAT WOULD AWARD GRANTS TO INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT, MAINTENANCE, IMPROVEMENT AND OPERATION OF VETERAN STUDENT CENTERS

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-1250-17: RESOLUTION URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO ENACT S. 1595 OR H.R. 3329, THE HIZBALLAH INTERNATIONAL FINANCING PREVENTION

AMENDMENTS ACT OF 2017, OR SIMILAR LEGISLATION; URGING THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY AND OTHER APPLICABLE FEDERAL AGENCIES TO MAXIMIZE THEIR EFFORTS, IN COOPERATION WITH THE MIAMI-DADE POLICE DEPARTMENT, TO REDUCE AND ELIMINATE THE THREAT OF CRIMINAL AND OTHER ILLICIT ACTIVITY IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY USED TO RAISE OR LAUNDER FUNDS FOR, OR FUNNEL FUNDS TO, HIZBALLAH OR ITS RELATED ENTITIES, WITH A FOCUS ON MIAMI-DADE COUNTY'S AIRPORTS AND SEAPORT; DIRECTING THE MAYOR OR THE MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO CONFER AND COLLABORATE WITH STATE AND FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES TO ADDRESS THE THREAT OF CRIMINAL ACTIVITY RELATED TO HIZBALLAH

R-69-18: RESOLUTION SUPPORTING H. RES. 664, OR SIMILAR LEGISLATION PENDING BEFORE, OR FILED FOR CONSIDERATION IN, THE 115TH UNITED STATES CONGRESS CALLING FOR THE IMMEDIATE EXTRADITION OR RENDERING TO THE UNITED STATES OF CONVICTED FELONS WILLIAM MORALES, JOANNE CHESIMARD, AND ALL OTHER FUGITIVES FROM JUSTICE WHO ARE RECEIVING SAFE HARBOR IN CUBA TO ESCAPE PROSECUTION OR CONFINEMENT FOR CRIMINAL OFFENSES COMMITTED IN THE UNITED STATES

R-70-18: RESOLUTION URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO PASS H.R. 4345, A BILL ENTITLED THE VETERAN TREATMENT COURT COORDINATION ACT OF 2017, OR SIMILAR LEGISLATION

R-72-18: RESOLUTION URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR THE MIAMI MILITARY MUSEUM EDUCATION CENTER

R-132-18: RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE OFFICE OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS, TO WORK WITH THE SOUTH FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT ("SFWMD") TO (I) IDENTIFY THE CAPITAL NEEDS TO REPAIR AND RESTORE THE CUTLER DRAIN CANALS AND ANY OTHER STRUCTURES WITHIN THE CUTLER DRAIN BASIN, INCLUDING THE C-100, C-100A, C-100-B, AND C-100C CANALS; (II) IDENTIFY ANY DAMAGE ATTRIBUTABLE TO HURRICANE IRMA AND ANY NECESSARY PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE; AND (III) COLLABORATE IN SEEKING FUNDING FROM THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY ("FEMA")

R-148-18: RESOLUTION SUPPORTING H.R. 1276, THE CLOSING THE MEAL GAP ACT OF 2017, OR SIMILAR LEGISLATION THAT WOULD STRENGTHEN THE SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

R-151-18: RESOLUTION URGING THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, UNITED NATIONS, AND THE ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES NOT TO RECOGNIZE ANY TRANSITION OF POWER IN CUBA MADE WITHOUT FREE AND MULTIPARTY ELECTIONS AND TO SUPPORT THE SELF-DETERMINATION OF THE CUBAN PEOPLE

R-154-18: RESOLUTION SUPPORTING S. 751, H.R. 2584, OR SIMILAR LEGISLATION PENDING BEFORE, OR FILED FOR CONSIDERATION IN, THE 115TH UNITED STATES CONGRESS THAT WOULD ADDRESS THE MAINTENANCE BACKLOG OF THE NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE AND PROVIDE FUNDING TO REPAIR INFRASTRUCTURE AND RELATED PROJECTS IN NATIONAL PARKS

R-173-18: RESOLUTION URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO ENACT THE VETERANS CRISIS LINE STUDY ACT OF 2017, S. 2174, OR SIMILAR LEGISLATION THAT WOULD AUTHORIZE A STUDY OF THE VETERANS CRISIS LINE

R-174-18: RESOLUTION URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO PASS S. 150, H.R. 506, OR SIMILAR LEGISLATION DESIGNED TO PREVENT FRAUDULENT CRIMES COMMITTED AGAINST VETERANS

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-249-18: RESOLUTION URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO ENACT S. 116, H.R. 936 OR SIMILAR LEGISLATION THAT WOULD PERMIT VETERANS WHO HAVE A SERVICE-CONNECTED, PERMANENT DISABILITY RATED AS TOTAL TO TRAVEL ON MILITARY AIRCRAFT IN THE SPACE-A PROGRAM

R-281-18: RESOLUTION URGING THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT TO SUPPORT EFFORTS TO EXPAND STABLE HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES FOR PEOPLE LIVING WITH HUMAN IMMUNODEFICIENCY VIRUS ("HIV") AND ACQUIRED IMMUNODEFICIENCY SYNDROME ("AIDS") AND TO INCREASE FUNDING FOR THE HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES FOR PERSONS WITH AIDS PROGRAM

R-282-18: RESOLUTION URGING THE UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO ENACT H. RES. 775 OR SIMILAR LEGISLATION THAT WOULD DESIGNATE A WEEK AS NATIONAL WOMEN VETERANS RECOGNITION WEEK

R-352-18: RESOLUTION URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS NECESSARY TO PROVIDE PAY TO UNITED STATES MILITARY PERSONNEL DURING ANY FUTURE GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWNS; URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO ENACT H.R. 1928, S. 2430, THE FAMILIES OF FALLEN SERVICEMEMBERS FIRST ACT, OR SIMILAR LEGISLATION THAT PROVIDES A PERMANENT APPROPRIATION FOR PAYMENT OF DEATH GRATUITIES AND RELATED BENEFITS TO SURVIVORS OF DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE UNIFORMED SERVICES DURING ANY FUTURE GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWNS

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-485-18: RESOLUTION URGING FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY AND THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO EXTEND TRANSITIONAL SHELTER ASSISTANCE FOR HURRICANE MARIA STORM VICTIMS THROUGH THE END OF THE SCHOOL YEAR

R-555-18: RESOLUTION CONDEMNING THE NICARAGUAN GOVERNMENT FOR USING VIOLENCE AND INTIMIDATION TO SUPPRESS POLITICAL OPPOSITION; URGING THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AND THE ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES TO TAKE APPROPRIATE DIPLOMATIC ACTION; URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO PASS S. 2265, H.R. 1918, S. 972, OR SIMILAR LEGISLATION DESIGNED TO PROMOTE DEMOCRACY AND THE RULE OF LAW IN NICARAGUA

R-556-18: RESOLUTION SUPPORTING PRESIDENT DONALD TRUMP'S EXECUTIVE ORDER PROHIBITING CERTAIN FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF VENEZUELA; FURTHER SUPPORTING GOVERNOR RICK SCOTT'S EFFORTS TO PLACE ECONOMIC PRESSURE ON THE MADURO REGIME

CONDEMNING THE RESULTS OF THE SHAM PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION IN VENEZUELA

R-582-18: RESOLUTION URGING PRESIDENT DONALD TRUMP TO CONTINUE EFFORTS TO EXPEDITIOUSLY RENEGOTIATE THE NORTH AMERICAN FREE TRADE AGREEMENT (NAFTA), WITH PARTICULAR ATTENTION GIVEN TOWARDS ADDRESSING THE SIGNIFICANT DISPARITY IN AGRICULTURAL LABOR COSTS BETWEEN MEXICO AND THE UNITED STATES

R-622-18: RESOLUTION URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO PASS S. 793, H.R. 1456, OR SIMILAR LEGISLATION DESIGNED TO END THE PRACTICE OF SHARK FINNING; FURTHER URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO BAN OR RESTRICT THE IMPORT OF SHARK FINS IN FLORIDA

R-623-18: RESOLUTION SUPPORTING S. 2783, THE COASTAL COMMUNITIES ADAPTATION ACT, OR SIMILAR LEGISLATION PENDING BEFORE, OR FILED FOR CONSIDERATION IN, THE 115TH UNITED STATES CONGRESS THAT WOULD PROVIDE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS THAT NEED TO UPGRADE THEIR INFRASTRUCTURE TO ADDRESS CLIMATE CHANGE-RELATED EVENTS, SUCH AS TIDAL FLOODING, BEACH EROSION, OR SALTWATER INTRUSION CAUSED BY SEA LEVEL RISE

R-624-18: RESOLUTION URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS AND THE U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS TO EXPEDITIOUSLY FUND THE SOUTH ATLANTIC COASTAL STUDY, AUTHORIZED IN 2016, TO ASSESS AND IDENTIFY THE RISKS AND VULNERABILITIES OF SOUTH ATLANTIC COASTAL AREAS TO INCREASED HURRICANE AND STORM DAMAGE DUE TO SEA LEVEL RISE

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]



MIAMI-DADE COUNTY 2018 FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

DEPARTMENTAL REQUESTS

In alphabetical order and prioritized within department

AVIATION

Federal Legislative Requests:

- **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.
- **U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) Technology and Infrastructure - ADVOCATE** for increased funding. With international travel to the U.S. measuring record levels and forecast to increase in years ahead, including a national goal to welcome 100 million visitors by 2021, new resources are critical to improving the ability of CBP officers to process passengers more efficiently while meeting every security need. Long delays and wait times for visitors at customs and entry points can discourage international travel to the U.S., which limits economic growth and job creation. Widespread outage of U.S. Customs and Border Protection Primary and Secondary Processing System (TECS), at Port of Entry (POE) airports around the country once again underscored the fact that CBP's core technology infrastructure is too outdated and overworked to cope with existing travel volume, let alone the increased traffic we hope and expect to see at Miami International Airport and other gateway airports in years to come.

Federal Appropriations Requests:

- ***MIA Airport Operations Center (AOC)*** – A new state-of-the-art AOC would provide more efficient crisis and incident management with integrated audio and video surveillance and communications capabilities for directing field operations in the airside, terminal or landside areas of the airport and has been identified as a critical security need for Miami-Dade County's top economic engine, MIA. An Emergency Operations Center would be included in the AOC to allow responding agencies to effectively manage emergencies at the airport. The estimated project cost is \$1.2 million for design and \$9 million for construction.
- ***MIA K-9 Housing Facility*** – MIA needs a K-9 facility capable of boarding all K-9 units and staff offices for the Miami-Dade Police Department's (MDPD) MIA K-9 Division. The facility is estimated to cost \$5 million for design and construction. The K-9 unit provides a necessary security function, and is an essential element in increased passenger and cargo security screening measures. The MDPD K-9 unit currently shares space at the police station but the additional (EDIC) K-9 units will not fit in the current location. The use of explosive detection K-9 teams has increased security screening efficiency and accuracy in the screening of cargo and passenger baggage, greatly assisting the federal agencies and air carriers operating at MIA.

COMMUNITY ACTION AND HUMAN SERVICES

- ***Older Americans Act (OAA)*** - ***SUPPORT*** an increase in Older Americans Act Title III B, C & E Supported Services which fund personal care, homemaker services, transportation, meals and in-home/facility respite as well as other vital services that help maintain older adults in their own homes.
- ***Community Services Block Grant Act (CSBG)*** – ***ADVOCATE*** for legislative action that will support the reauthorization and amendment of the CSBG Act to adopt performance requirements and performance benchmarks to be included as part of the performance measurement system under this Act.

CULTURAL AFFAIRS

Consistent with the Americans for the Arts Action Fund Agenda

- ***The National Endowment for the Arts*** - ***SUPPORT*** the U.S. Senate's and House's appropriations bills' recommendation of funding the National Endowment for the Arts at no less than \$155 million (There is interest in increasing the allocation in conference).
- ***FEMA's Tool Assistance Program*** - ***SUPPORT*** changes to FEMA regulations that would include self-employed workers as eligible for FEMA's tool assistance program to help workers get back to work faster after a disaster and in emergency. Artists are twice as likely to be self-employed as other Americans. After a disaster, it is imperative

that workers quickly secure the tools they need to earn a living so they can salvage their businesses. Data shows that this assistance would also be a cost-saving measure for the government by enabling self-employed workers to get back to work more quickly and stay off public assistance during disaster recovery. The CREATE Act (S.661/H.R.1649) included this tool replacement provision in section 108 of the bill. Given the urgency of the situation, the tool replacement provision can be easily extracted from the CREATE Act and added to another bill that is likely to be acted upon soon.

- **CREATE Act - *SUPPORT*** the *Comprehensive Resources for Entrepreneurs in the Arts to Transform the Economy (CREATE) Act*, which aims to better support our nation's creative economy and builds off of research of numerous economic studies, including the findings of the Arts and Economic Prosperity study and the Creative Industries report. Through minor adjustments to existing federal programs in agencies like the U.S. Department of Commerce and U.S. Department of Treasury, the legislation takes steps to better invest in our country's workforce and creative economy, while recognizing artists as contributors to the small business community. The Senate bill is S.661 and the House companion bill is H.R.1649. Provisions include:
 - Access to small business micro-loans and ensuring that loan program criteria are not discriminatory toward arts-related businesses;
 - Economic development tools, such as incubators and technical assistance, to support the creative economy;
 - Promotion and grant programs to support the creative arts in local economic development planning;
 - Assistance to artists trying to get back on their feet after a disaster; and
 - Creation of an Artist Corps within the Corporation for National and Community Service to help expand access to arts and arts education in communities.

FIRE RESCUE

- **FEMA Urban Search and Rescue Task Force Teams – *ADVOCATE*** and ***SUPPORT*** the Federal government to properly fund the 28 US&R Task Force's which comprise the National Urban Search and Rescue Response System under DHS/FEMA. This 6,000 member ready reserve, maintained by local fire rescue agencies across the country, provides our nation with a search and rescue capability which is unmatched. Funding for these task forces at the required level would ensure that teams are properly equipped and ready to respond when needed. Currently, FL-TF1, sponsored by the Miami-Dade County Fire Rescue Department has a funding shortfall of approximately \$1 Million annually. In other words, funding provided through a Cooperative Agreement with FEMA for the annual sustainment of each task force, is on average short \$1 to \$1.2 million dollars per task force. This requires the local agency to absorb this shortfall. It is a very labor intensive undertaking for each US&R Task Force to remain in a constant state of readiness while simultaneously maintaining individual team member training requirements, and fulfilling the rigorous daily tool and apparatus maintenance needs. The US&R personnel are responsible

for more than 70 tons of specialized equipment needed to fulfill the mission of every US&R team throughout the country. Additionally, the vehicles needed to move the equipment and personnel as well as life safety items such as respiratory protection and radio's, are more than 10 years old and in desperate need of replacement. There is no funding for any of these capital items in the annual appropriation through FEMA. In the last 10 years, FL-TF1 has deployed to every major disaster this nation has experienced including Hurricane's Katrina, Rita, Harvey, Irma, and Maria as well as the earthquake in Haiti.

GRANTS COORDINATION

- **Ryan White Program - *SUPPORT* and *ADVOCATE*** for an increase in funding for The HIV/AIDS Treatment Extension Act. The act is the nation's largest HIV-specific federal grant program and a critical source of health care and treatment for people living with HIV/AIDS. The program has been in existence since 1990 and has been re-authorized four times.

HOMELESS TRUST

- **Funding for Homeless Programs – *ADVOCATE* and *SUPPORT*** expanding HUD's McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Grants programs, including the competitive Continuum of Care (CoC) program and the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) formula grant program. Modest congressional investments in McKinney-Vento coupled with congressional support for HUD's work to strategically allocate these resources for maximum impact has resulted in decreases in the number of people experiencing homelessness. CoC grants provide supportive housing for our community's most vulnerable homeless persons, while ESG provides rapid rehousing (short- to medium-term rental assistance for homeless households). Support of FY 2019 funding in the amount of \$2.8 billion in McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Grants will allow us to continue our work toward ending homelessness in Miami-Dade County, with a particular emphasis on chronic, family, youth (18-24) and Veteran homelessness. In the last year, the Homeless Trust received more than \$30 million in funding under CoC program, and together with communities including Miami, Hialeah, Miami-Dade and the State of Florida leveraged more than \$5 million in ESG to serve homeless and at-risk households.
- **Funding for Federal Housing Vouchers – *ADVOATE* and *SUPPORT*** increased federal funding through HUD for Housing Choice Vouchers to assist vulnerable populations including low-income seniors, people with disabilities, veterans and families with children with affordable housing. Funding is need to continue to support existing households, and restore vouchers lost to shortfalls. Subsidies must keep pace with rental costs in order for vouchers to be effective in making rental housing affordable. Voucher holders contribute 30 percent of their income towards rent and utility costs. South Florida has been ranked as the hardest place for low-income renters to find housing. Nearly 300,000 low income renters in Miami-Dade pay more than 50-percent of their income toward rent, and the disparity between wages and housing costs are nowhere greater. In Miami-Dade, the Homeless Trust has

partnered with all four Public Housing Authorities -- Miami-Dade, Miami Beach, Hialeah and Homestead -- to provide vouchers to homeless or formerly homeless households. These vouchers are an integral part of our Community Plan to End Homelessness: Priority Home.

INTERNAL SERVICES

- **Access to United States General Services Administration (GSA) contracts - *SUPPORT*** legislation that allows local jurisdictions access to the GSA schedules for goods and services established by federal contracts. Non-federal agencies are precluded from accessing federal contracts with a few exceptions. The County could benefit from favorable pricing on such contracts.
- **P3 Centers of Excellence – *FUNDING*** for local Public Private Partnership Centers of Excellence which are collaborative efforts by local and regional governments and can be formed as a government corporation established for the purpose of assisting public sector entities in meeting public infrastructure needs through public private partnerships. The centers would require staff and budgeting. The County could benefit from the alliance and obtain strategic assistance with moving P3 projects forward.

PARKS, RECREATION, AND OPEN SPACES

- **BISCAYNE-EVERGLADES GREENWAY – *URGING*** Congress to Authorize and Provide Funding in the Amount of \$500,000 for Design and Construction. The 43-mile world class Biscayne-Everglades Greenway will traverse and serve both incorporated and unincorporated portions of Miami-Dade County connecting Biscayne National Park to Everglades National Park providing a safe and scenic route to the parks without concern for vehicular traffic. The greenway will connect to a variety of other trails in the South Dade Greenways Network and will incorporate South Florida Water Management District, Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) and County owned rights-of-ways. The project will provide for both recreation and alternative transportation. The funding will be used to complete portions of the northern segment from SW 137 Av. to US 1 along the Mowry (C-103) Canal and Mowry Dr. (SW 320 St.)
- **ZOO MIAMI – *URGING*** Congress to Authorize and Provide Funding in the amount of \$2,400,000 Towards the Expansion/Renovation of the Animal Hospital and Rehab Facilities to also serve the need for treatment, recovery, and rehabilitation of numerous endangered species in South Florida. This would dramatically enhance the ability in the South Florida region to be able to treat, rehabilitate, recover, and release endangered species in collaboration with our partners at the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission and regional NGOs. Zoo Miami's geographic location, extensive staff with expertise in multiple scientific fields, and ongoing collaborative in situ and ex situ species recovery programs with imperiled Florida species make it the most desirable and effective location for such enhanced facilities within the state.

- **CAMP MATECUMBE – URGING** Congress to Authorize and Provide Funding for the Restoration of the Chapel at Camp Matecumbe. Camp Matecumbe is a place that celebrates the Pedro Pan Program’s rich cultural and historical significance that commemorates the exodus of Cuban children, a place that restores the Pine Rockland environment and serves the local and regional communities as well as tourist.
- **HATTIE BAUER – URGING** Congress to authorize and provide Funding for the Restoration work on one of the historic and most significant structures at Hattie Bauer Hammock Park, the oolitic rock cottage. This property was designated historic by the County’s Historic Preservation Board in 1999, due to its former life as The Orchid Jungle. The buildings have been subjected to the harsh elements of the South Florida climate, as well as vandalism, including arson. There is an imminent need to begin repair and restoration of the buildings.
- **SAFER PEOPLE, SAFER STREETS – URGING** Congress to Advance Miami-Dade’s Participation in the USDOT’s Mayors Challenge for Safer People, Safer Streets by growing funding for bicycle and pedestrian improvements. While the FAST Act increased the Surface Transportation Block Grant Set Asides, funding is not being targeted in high crash areas. Legislation like the Safe Streets Act of 2015 (which was co-sponsored by Rep. Carlos Curbelo) would require FDOT and the MPO to implement guidelines and evaluation to ensure a comprehensive transportation planning. As the fourth most dangerous metropolitan area in the country for bicyclists and pedestrians, Miami Dade needs more financial support to implement Complete Streets and enhance enforcement of bike and pedestrian safety laws.

POLICE

- **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.
- **Forensic Science Grant Programs at U.S. Department of Justice, National Institute of Justice (NIJ) - ADVOCATE** for full funding of the Forensic Science grant programs by the United States Department of Justice, National Institute of Justice. The grant programs, in priority order, include:
 - Paul Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement Grant Program (Formula and Competitive)
 - DNA Capacity Enhancement and Backlog Reduction Program
 - Forensic DNA Laboratory Efficiency Improvement and Capacity Enhancement Program
 - National Institute of Justice Research Grants
 - Solving Cold Cases with DNA Program

- **Justice Program funding at the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programming** - **ADVOCATE** for and **SUPPORT** the evaluation of gunshot detection and location systems for those areas of the country, such as urban areas, and their communities which continue to experience high levels of violent crime, especially from gun fire.
- **Victims of Crime funding at the U.S. Department of Justice, Office for Victims of Crime** - **ADVOCATE** to support victim services programs, especially, those victim programs which provide services to victims of crime.
- **Gun Reform** – **SUPPORT** the reinstatement of the Federal Assault Weapons Ban or similar legislation restricting the ability to obtain such weapons; **SUPPORT** the ban on bump fire stocks, which can be attached to a semi-automatic weapon, effectively giving it the same capacity as that of an automatic weapon, thus making it easier to fire rounds quicker; **SUPPORT** legislation that would ban large capacity ammunition magazines, which allow shooters to fire uninterrupted at large numbers of people without taking time to reload; **SUPPORT** legislation that would hold federal and state agencies accountable if they fail to upload criminal history records to the background check system and require the National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS) to stay updated; **SUPPORT** waiting periods, or “cooling off” laws, which create an important window of time for gun purchasers to reconsider their intentions and provide additional time for the completion of a thorough background check; **SUPPORT** banning any person listed on the FBI's Terrorist Screening Center (no-fly list) from purchasing a firearm; **SUPPORT** additional funding to protect and secure our nation's schools; **SUPPORT** raising the legal age to purchase a rifle from 18 to 21; **SUPPORT** and **ADVOCATE** for Red Flag legislation to identify and prevent persons with mental illnesses from purchasing or possessing firearms; and **SUPPORT** the repeal of the Dickey Amendment, a 1996 federal provision stating that "none of the funds made available for injury prevention and control at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) may be used to advocate or promote gun control." The CDC must be given the tools to study gun violence and its impact.
- **Opioid Funding** – **SUPPORT** and **ADVOCATE** development of best practices for opioid investigations conducted by law enforcement, best practices to protect law enforcement personnel as first responders on the scene and other necessary safety training, and **SUPPORT** and **ADVOCATE** for equipping law enforcement officers with appropriate response supplies, including Narcan.

PORTMIAMI

- **Miami Harbor Navigation Improvements** - **ADVOCATE** for continued funding for the Army Corps feasibility study into Miami Harbor safety and navigation improvements to the South Shipping Channel and the Government Cut's outer channel.

Port Miami is the world's top cruise port and business is continuing to grow. To accommodate the economic growth and customer requests as a Home port with three

new cruise berths, the Biscayne Bay Pilots requires navigational harbor improvements to the South Shipping Channel. The improvements are necessary for safe passage of both cargo and cruise vessels and to accommodate the cruise industry growth and to keep the home port status in the United States.

Improvements to the outer channel will accommodate larger cargo vessels, up to 14,000 TEU vessels, and therefore enable the full potential of the completed phase III Miami Harbor improvement project (which was designed for 8,500 TEU vessels). These improvements are necessary to accommodate requests from cargo lines to come to the Seaport, instead of non-US transshipment ports, and to continue economic cargo growth in the United States.

- **Agriculture Quarantine Inspection (AQI) Treatment Fee Elimination - *ADVOCATE*** for the elimination of the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) treatment fee, or freeze it at current levels, until such time as an equitable modification of the fee is designed and implemented. The fee imposes an unreasonable, unnecessary and perhaps illegal discriminatory burden on imports into Florida ports. Today, for the same amount of imported product, a Florida importer would pay fees of \$17,040 and an importer using Northeast ports could pay as little as \$142.

The disparity is as a result of the fact that one treatment in Florida typically involves one trailer-load of goods: one treatment in the Northeast typically involves a stack or warehouse-full of containers. The AQI Treatment Fee is increasing year-over-year and jeopardizing Florida's commerce, economy and trade. Florida jobs and international market share is at stake.

- **U.S. Customs and Border Patrol (CBP) Reimbursement Costs – *ADVOCATE*** Against U.S. Customs and Border Patrol (CBP) requiring port operators to provide “turn-key” federal inspection service facilities at seaports and airports at no cost to CBP. This requirement is not specifically provided for in Statute. CBP uses its inherent space authority as the basis for requiring ports to provide adequate and/or suitable inspectional space for the performance of their mission. This inherent authority is as a result of the statutory authority obligating CBP to undertake agricultural, immigration, antiterrorism and customs inspections. Port Miami has no control over the escalation of CBP equipment costs. CBP has effectively transferred all capital and equipment costs onto the Port, while issuing new endlessly expensive requirements. Advocate against transferring CBP operating expenses to ports.

Port Miami requests the Department of Homeland Security continue its cooperation with Customs and Border Protection regarding our Miami specific “transshipment model” that addresses security and safety concerns while at the same time allowing for expanded transshipment of cargo. Port Miami is poised to become a major global transshipment hub, returning cargo and jobs to the US.

- **Additional CBP and USDA Resources** - With \$2 billion invested in port improvements, Port Miami is expected to double cargo in the next 5-10 years. Along

with the increase in cargo, a new intermodal yard will create the need for additional inspectors and inspection stations. In 2018, Port Miami will increase cruise passenger traffic from 5.3 to 6 million passengers, and continue to increase our cargo numbers currently over 1 million TEUs (Twenty-Foot Equivalent Unit), requiring additional CBP agents to safely and efficiently process these additional embarkations, debarkations and cargo. Without the addition of resources, container shipments may be delayed; causing the region to lose millions in revenue and cruise debarkations similarly may be delayed, causing issues for incoming passengers. Port Miami **SUPPORTS** additional resources for CBP and USDA in order to accommodate the increased cargo and cruise passengers.

- **Donor and Energy Transfer Port Program – ADVOCATE** for \$50 million in the FY 2019 Energy and Water development appropriations bill for the Donor and Energy Transfer Ports Program. PortMiami, one of the nation's six donor ports, receives only a nominal amount of Harbor Maintenance Tax funds because our harbor requires little, if any annual maintenance dredging. As a donor Port, PortMiami receives funds back, on an annual basis, to be used for Expanded Uses. These donor port funds are dependent upon annual appropriations being provided to the Donor and Energy Transfer Port Program.

PUBLIC HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

- **Public Housing & Section 8 Housing - ADVOCATE** for increased federal funding from HUD for public housing and Section 8 programs. Funding for these programs will ensure the preservation of existing housing stock and improvement of federally-funded programs that provide crucial affordable housing and rental subsidies to low-income families.
- **Rental Assistance Demonstration program (RAD) – SUPPORT** HUD using the Rental Assistance Demonstration program (RAD) to be utilized by Public Housing Authorities (PHAs) that have Capital Fund Financial program debt. (CFFP)
- **Public Housing Authorities (PHAs) – SUPPORT** allowing HUD to permit Public Housing Authorities (PHAs) rated "standard" to qualify for Moving to Work (MTW) status with justification to HUD. **SUPPORT** Public Housing Authorities (PHAs) to appeal their operating subsidy per unit month (PUM) if there is a wide variance between the existing per unit month (PUM) and Contract Rents under (RAD)..
- **Prevent Refederalizing of Central Office Cost Center (COCC) Fees and Funds – ADVOCATE** against HUD from refederalizing of the Central Office Cost Center (COCC). HUD regulations permit COCC funds to be defederalized, permitting flexibility in use of these funds for affordable housing. Lacking County funds, PHCD is dependent on COCC funds to address shortfalls in many operational areas, and limits PHCD's ability to leverage funds with the private sector.
- **Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) - SUPPORT** for increased federal funding for the HUD CDBG program.

- The CDBG entitlement program provides grants on a formula basis to general units of local governments and states to address a variety of community development needs in very-low to-moderate income areas.
- The CDBG program's primary objective is to assist in the development of viable urban communities by supporting projects that:
 - benefit very-low to moderate-income persons
 - are integrated in a long range community strategy
 - leverage further private and public partnerships
 - enhance deteriorated residential and business districts

The projects are classified in four categories: Public Facilities and Capital Improvement; Economic Development; Public Services; and Affordable Housing. CDBG program funds can be used to build community facilities, roads, and parks; to repair or rehabilitate housing, to provide new or increased public services to local residents or to fund initiatives that generate or retain new jobs.

Over the last five years Miami-Dade County has adopted a strategic focus on development within the Neighborhood Revitalization Areas in an effort to have the greatest impact among the most needy communities and households. The reduction of funding for the CDBG program has a significant impact on the County's ability to continue to implement programs designed to address the needs of its very-low to moderate-income communities which this program serve. The CDBG program funding has declined each year over the last ten years and given the current economic conditions this financial support is critically needed to continue serving and addressing the needs of very-low and moderate-income residents.

- **Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) - SUPPORT** the preservation or increase of ESG funding for Miami-Dade County and **SUPPORT** the \$3.3 billion national funding recommendations for the CDBG program as advocated by the National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials (NAHRO).The ESG Program supports homelessness prevention, emergency shelter, and related services. ESG is authorized under the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act.
- **HOME Investment Partnership (HOME) Program - SUPPORT** continued funding for the HUD HOME program.
 - The HOME program is authorized under Title II of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act, as amended. It is the largest Federal block grant to State and local governments, and it is designed to create affordable housing for low-income households. This program, administered by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), includes but is not limited to providing rental housing, rental housing assistance, home purchase or rehabilitation financing assistance to eligible homeowners and new homebuyers.

- HUD has classified Miami-Dade County as a "high-cost area." By implication, the high housing cost also results in high rental costs. It is important that the County support housing programs which benefit the low- to moderate-income residents in the community who typically will require rental housing. The HOME program is one of the many funding sources that the County relies upon to address housing needs of its low-to moderate-income residents. Therefore, any further reduction or elimination of HOME program funding will have a devastating impact on the County's ability to continue to house its most needy residents.

PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM

- **Institute of Museum and Library Science and Federal Library Funding - *SUPPORT*** current and increased funding levels appropriated to the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) and to the Department of Education, both of which provide significant funding for library programs such as the Library Services and Technology Act and Innovative Approaches to Literacy Programs.

REGULATORY AND ECONOMIC RESOURCES

Agriculture

- **Renegotiate NAFTA to support American fruit and vegetable growers - *ADVOCATE*** for the Administration and the United States Trade Representative to formally propose a North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) fix that would allow regional growers to use seasonal data for antidumping and countervailing duty (AD/CVD) cases. It is critically important that NAFTA provide a fair and equitable market for U.S. fruit and vegetable growers. ***ADVOCATE*** for the Administration to use all means available to prevent Mexico from targeting regional growers in an effort to monopolize the U.S. market during certain seasons. Mexico's exponential growth in fresh fruit and vegetable exports to the United States under NAFTA has had a profoundly negative impact on Miami-Dade County and other regions of the country. Unfair Mexican subsidies, archaic labor standards and prices that are significantly below cost of production have resulted in the extraordinary growth of Mexican exports, to the detriment of Florida growers. A renegotiated and modernized NAFTA that helps level the playing field for American farmers, ranchers, businesses, and workers will go a long way toward restoring faith in our agreements.
- **Mitigation and eradication of the Laurel Wilt Disease. - *ADVOCATE*** for funding to provide continued funding for research into effective methods of mitigating and eradicating laurel wilt disease into avocados, and treating those avocados crops already affected.
- **Agriculture Relief - *ADVOCATE*** for funding, programs legislation and assistance to increase viability of our local agricultural industry and mitigate any effects of invasive

pests, diseases, freezes, flooding, windstorm and other potential damages to our said industry.

Environmental Protection

- **Beach Erosion Control Sand Sources – SUPPORT** efforts to exempt Southeast Florida, specifically Miami-Dade County, from federal prohibition of using non-domestic sources of beach sand for beach erosion control/sea level rise mitigation. Current legislation requires existing domestic sand sources be exhausted prior to non-federal sources being used. Domestic sand sources have been identified elsewhere in Florida but use of these sands will require greater transportation costs for delivery to Miami-Dade County, and these sources of sand are planned for use by other counties in which they are found. This exemption would allow federal cost-sharing to assist in procuring non-domestic sand, such as Bahamian sand, when determined to be cost-effective.
- **16 County Ecosystem Summit Legislative Priorities - SUPPORT and ADVOCATE** for the federal legislative priorities associated with the health and welfare of the lakes, estuaries, and riverine systems consisting of Lake Okeechobee, the St. Lucie and Caloosahatchee Estuaries, and Lake Worth Lagoon, and all of the bodies of water connected thereto including the Everglades as determined by the 16 member counties.

Resilience

- **Southeast Florida Climate Change Compact - SUPPORT** the Compact's federal legislative program:
 - Protect funding for science, data, outreach and training related to flooding hazards (maintained by NOAA, NASA, USGS, FEMA).
 - Protect and increase funding for flood risk mitigation through FEMA's Hazard Mitigation grants.
 - Protect and increase funding to support restoration and preservation of key natural systems such as the Everglades that protect South Florida from natural hazards and Biscayne Bay.
 - Support federal policies that ensure that federal infrastructure is built to withstand present and future hazards.
- **Establishment of a Federal Resiliency Partnership Fund - SUPPORT** the establishment of a Federal Resiliency Partnership Fund that would provide financial assistance, with an appropriate matching formula from State and local funding sources to local governments for the purpose of:
 - Accelerating the development of success models, which could be employed "off the shelf" to similar localities elsewhere;

- Spurring a much-needed redesign of deteriorating Urban and Rural Infrastructures, already in need of updated re-engineering, notwithstanding sea level rise;
 - Providing an “infusive” Jobs Program that would enhance our economy; and
 - Providing a far-reaching damage prevention initiative helping to reduce the ultimate financial pressure on FEMA and after the fact, damage compensation fund.
- **Whole Building Data - SUPPORT** federal requirement for all utilities to collect aggregated whole-building data from local government jurisdiction’s largest buildings (20,000 square feet and above for government-owned buildings and 50,000 square feet and above for private sector buildings) and provide this data to building owners or managers and local government representatives for benchmarking and to help identify opportunities to reduce water and energy usage.
 - **Solar Photovoltaic (PV) Systems - SUPPORT** the expansion of existing net metering policies to allow for off-site or “virtual” net metering and prohibit the weakening of net metering and associated rates. Support new legislation to allow Solar Power Purchase Agreements (PPA) to fully fund solar PV systems and avoid high upfront capital costs and continue support for Solar Leasing. Continue support for state exemption of renewable energy source devices from ad valorem taxation. Support efforts to encourage green economies that are low carbon, resource efficient and socially inclusive, as well as green jobs in energy efficiency, renewable energy, and green infrastructure.
 - **PACE - SUPPORT** federal legislation or administrative action that removes federal restrictions on Property Assessed Clean Energy programs and expands the list of eligible improvements to include weatherization measures.
 - **Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant - SUPPORT** reauthorization of and renewed funding for the Department of Energy’s Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) Program.
 - **Clean Cities - SUPPORT** continued funding for the US Department of Energy to support the Southeast Florida Clean Cities Coalition and funding for implementation of projects developed under Drive Electric Florida plan and the US 1 Corridor Pilot Project.
 - **Microgrids - URGE** the U.S. Depart of Energy to develop recommendations for establishing microgrids, including critical buildings and the geographic areas for prioritizing microgrids. Microgrids or self-contained electric grids, capable of operating both in grid-connected or in island mode offer opportunities to increase resilience, reduce greenhouse emissions, save money, and achieve other policy goals such as smart city implementation.
 - **Grid Resilience and Security - SUPPORT** cybersecurity and distributed solar energy systems with storage backup to enhance electric grid security and disaster preparation

and recovery. Distributed solar photovoltaic (PV) systems with energy storage have the potential to provide localized power during grid outages and prevent or limit power disruption after a weather or security-related outage affecting the main power grid, particularly at critical facilities.

- **Electric Vehicles (EV) – SUPPORT** policies that encourage EVs: (1) Support building and infrastructure policies requiring all new residential construction and twenty-five percent of new parking structures and surface lots to be “EV ready,” meaning that they are equipped with the conduit and wiring needed to install EV charging stations. (2) **SUPPORT** policies that require all autonomous vehicles to be electric vehicles, preferably charged through renewable energy, or fueled by hydrogen fuel cell from solar processes, in order to prevent projected carbon pollution increases.

Development Services/Zoning

- **US Postal Service curbside delivery to residential subdivisions - ENCOURAGE** the US Postal Service (USPS) to continue curbside postal delivery to infill and existing platted residential subdivisions. Since 2012, USPS adopted a policy to move away from curbside mail delivery to cluster box units shared by the residents of a particular development. These cluster boxes are not conducive to small infill type residential developments as well as existing platted lots as they may not have a homeowner’s association or adequate land to place and maintain these cluster boxes.

SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT

- **Municipal Waste Combustor (MWC) MACT Standards - OPPOSE** any Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) issued MWC MACT rule that imposes standards using the “pollutant-by-pollutant” methodology. The EPA should set standards by selecting facilities that have the best overall pollutant levels, in addition to considering waste content and emissions variability. Setting standards by the best individual pollutant levels would result in unrealistic and unachievable emission standards, some of which may not be met by the DSWM’s Waste-to-Energy facility. Imposing a MWC MACT standard measurement using a “pollutant-by-pollutant” approach could result in increased operational and capital costs as well as costly fines and the potential closing of the facility.
- **Flow Control/Interstate Waste Transport - OPPOSE** any efforts seeking to amend legislation in response to the April, 2007 Supreme Court decision "United Haulers Assn. v. Oreida-Herkimer Solid Waste Authority (No. 05-1345)" which held that flow control to publicly owned facilities is a legislative use of flow control authority. Flow control improves the DSWM's financial position and creates a more stable environment.
- **Market Incentives for Electricity Produced from Renewable Resources - SUPPORT** market incentives to encourage development and operation of alternative,

renewable energy production. Support legislation designating biomass as a qualified energy resource, eligible for any and all market incentives.

- **Mosquito Control Technologies - *ADVOCATE* and *SUPPORT*** dedicated funding be provided to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control (CDC) or to state or local governments for new and emerging technologies that reduce the risk of mosquito-transmitted diseases. Miami-Dade County is the gateway to the Americas. Miami International Airport (MIA) is among the busiest airports in the world. Many flights carrying passengers from Latin and Central America and the Caribbean deplane at MIA on a daily basis. These passengers are coming from areas where there are reported cases of Yellow Fever, Denge, Zika, and Chickungunya -- all viruses carried by mosquitoes. In 2018, Miami-Dade County Mosquito Control continues to receive daily referrals from the local Department of Health for all of these viruses. The county wants to be at the forefront of all innovative technologies for mosquito control.
- **Wolbachia Program (Mosquito control) – *SUPPORT*** the U.S. Centers for Disease Control (CDC) to review new and emerging technologies to reduce the Aedes aegypti female mosquito population, the primary vector for disease. This review has included genetically-modified mosquitoes, irradiated sterile male mosquitoes, and Wolbachia-infected male mosquitoes. The Department of Solid Waste Management (DSWM), through the Mosquito Control Division, has partnered with the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (FDACS) and Florida Department of Health (FDOH).

The Wolbachia program is currently being implemented in a controlled area of South Miami. The program will end on July 31, 2018 so, the DSWM is seeking additional funding in the amount of \$1.5 million through the Department of Health and Human Services to extend the program in other areas of the County where conventional control methods are not sufficiently effective.

TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC WORKS

- **SMART Plan Funding – *SUPPORT*** funding for all corridors in the Strategic Miami Area Rapid Transit (SMART) Plan.
- **State of Good Repair (SGR) grants – *SUPPORT*** funding for Miami-Dade Transit (MDT) for several critical, but not fully-funded improvements projects, which could qualify for State of Good Repair (SGR) grants. MDT is requesting continuing support for SGR grants that can fund projects for improvement or modernization of Metrorail and Metromover guideways, replacement of escalators and overhaul of elevators at Metromover stations, the acquisition of Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) buses and retrofitting of garages to service GNG buses.
- **Transportation and Infrastructure Projects Funding – *SUPPORT*** legislation that provides opportunities for increased and alternative revenue sources for transportation and infrastructure projects.

- **Discretionary Transit Grants** – Miami-Dade Transit (MDT) is requesting the **SUPPORT** of Department of Transportation grant funds that would allow MDT to establish and operate Bus Rapid Transit corridors along some of Miami-Dade County's busy corridors.
- **Public Works Funding** – **SUPPORT** policies that would result in increased funding to Public Works Projects. Unfunded projects are a public safety issue. Counties play a critical role in the nation's transportation system, owning 45 percent of all public roads (compared to the 32 percent of public roads owned by cities and townships, 19 percent by states, and 3 percent by the federal government) and 39 percent of the nation's bridge inventory. The county has public works needs including road and bridge maintenance and/or replacement; traffic management systems; ADA projects; intersection improvements; complete streets and improved bicycle and pedestrian connectivity.
- **Funding for Hazard Mitigation and Infrastructure Strengthening** – **SUPPORT** policies that would allow for increased funding of Hazard Mitigation Projects. Hazard mitigation measures are any sustainable action taken to reduce or eliminate long-term risk to people and property from future disasters. Studies have shown that every \$1 spent equals \$4 of future damages mitigated. The county would like funding for traffic signal infrastructure strengthening; battery and/or solar power units for critical traffic signals in case of prolonged power outages; water-proofing electrical and CCTV equipment to avoid wind-driven rain damage; flood-proofing elevator and escalator equipment rooms to avoid damage from flooding; and elevating transit power stations to avoid damage from flooding.
- **Alternative Fuel Excise Tax Credit** – **SUPPORT** the extension or making permanent the federal \$0.50/gallon alternative fuel excise tax credit, which covers compressed natural gas (CNG), liquefied natural gas (LNG), propane autogas and other alternative transportation fuels. Protecting Americans from Tax Hikes Act of 2015, extended dozens of federal tax credits that expired at the end of 2014 and make some subsidies permanent. The legislation includes a two-year extension through Dec. 31, 2016, for various alternative fuel incentives.
- **Program of Interrelated Projects** – **ADVOCATE** for all corridors in the SMART plan to qualify within the program, and use non-federal projects within the program as a local match contribution toward federal funds. This would also assist in helping the project advance while different portions of the project are being worked on simultaneously.
- **Simplify the Capital Investment Grant Program (CIG)** – **SUPPORT** T policies that simplify the funding decision so that communities will know the amount of funding that is available to them before investing years and millions of dollars on studies. Suggest a formula funding structure so that large cities can plan their transit systems effectively.

- **Streamline National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)** – *SUPPORT* policies that would streamline the NEPA process to allow for expedited studies and review times. NEPA has been an onerous obstacle to project development. Interagency review lacks coordination, and reviewing agencies often struggle with the level of review required. NEPA federal review authority for transit projects should be delegated to state departments of transportation so that new studies can proceed more quickly. Federal regulations should be changed to allow for Records of Decision to remain valid for longer periods of time, given the amount of time it takes to implement a major transit project, and the amount of money spent to complete a project study.
- **Flexible Route Applications** – *ADVOCATE* for legislation that assists in solving the first-mile/last-mile challenge that many transit agencies face today. This includes legislation that allows for the development and implementation of flexible route applications.
- **Paratransit Complementary Services** – *ADVOCATE* for legislation that relaxes federal regulatory requirements and rules governing the provision of complementary paratransit services for individuals with disabilities, including Federal Transit Agency (FTA) provisions (e.g., procurement provisions for contracted services, provisions for same-day paratransit rides, restrictions on service areas, service hours and fare, and ADA provisions for paratransit services), Title VI Program compliance requirements related to changes to transportation services, and Buy America provisions. This would allow the direct provision of paratransit services by ridesharing companies, resulting in lower operating costs for MDT, and possibility for spontaneous trips, potential for lower trip costs for paratransit users and improved paratransit rider experience.
- **Autonomous vehicles** – *SUPPORT* funding for the acquisition of autonomous vehicles, and the participation in demonstration programs. Also, support the removal of potential roadblocks to the integration of this innovative, transformational automotive technology that can significantly improve safety, mobility, and sustainability.

WATER & SEWER

- **Infrastructure Finance and Programs** – *SUPPORT* the implementation of Water Infrastructure Financing and Innovation Authority (WIFIA), adequate funding of State Revolving Loan Funds, and federal policy on affordability, climate change, Clean Water Act mandates, and Safe Drinking Water Act mandates are all significant factors for WASD capital and operating requirements. A reliable utility system meeting all state and federal requirements is essential for the operation of other departments as well as the continued economic well-being of the County. Miami-Dade County has a \$13.5 Billion water and sewer capital needs program resulting from aging infrastructure, federal and state regulatory mandates, and changing conditions associated with documented sea level rise. This represents the largest capital burden of any comparably sized utility in the nation.

- **Tax-Exempt Municipal Bond Financing - *OPPOSE*** Altering Tax-Exempt Municipal Bond Financing on Public Drinking Water & Wastewater Systems, reviews options being discussed at the federal level to cap or eliminate the 100-year old tax exempt status of municipal bonds, a move that would cost the sector billions of dollars in infrastructure projects at a time when federal investment in water and wastewater infrastructure is waning. For more than a century, tax-exempt municipal bonds have been the most important source of funding for water and wastewater infrastructure projects in the United States. Congress should retain the current federal tax exemption for municipal bonds.

RESOLUTION NO. PHT 09/17 – 049

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE 2018 FEDERAL AND STATE LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH TRUST AND DIRECTING THE PRESIDENT, OR HIS DESIGNEE, TO SUBMIT THE LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES TO MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, THROUGH THE OFFICE OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS, FOR INCLUSION IN THE COUNTY'S PROPOSED 2018 FEDERAL AND STATE LEGISLATIVE PACKAGE

(Nathan Ray, Associate Vice President, Governmental Relations)

WHEREAS, the Public Health Trust (the "Trust") recognizes the need to establish its Federal and State legislative priorities; and

WHEREAS, upon adoption, the Trust is required to submit its Federal and State legislative priorities to Miami-Dade County, through the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs, for inclusion in the County's Proposed 2018 Federal and State Legislative Package; and

WHEREAS, the list of the Trust's Federal and State Legislative Priorities is attached hereto and made a part hereof and requires approval of the Public Health Trust; and

WHEREAS, the President and Chief Executive Officer recommends approval of the attached priorities and of submission thereof to the County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PUBLIC HEALTH TRUST OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that this Board hereby approves the Public Health Trust's 2018 Federal and State Legislative Priorities, which is attached hereto and made a part hereof, and declares it to be an official action of the Public Health Trust, and provided further that the President, or his designee, is directed to submit the 2018 Federal and State Legislative Priorities to Miami-Dade County, through the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs, for inclusion in the County's Proposed 2018 Federal and State Legislative Package.

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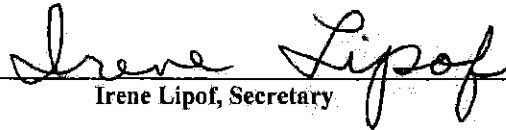
The foregoing resolution was offered by Robert Zarco and the motion was seconded by Walter T. Richardson as follows:

Joe Arriola	Absent
Representative Bryan Avila	Aye
William J. Heffernan	Aye
Mojdeh L. Khaghan	Aye
Irene Lipof	Aye
Rev. Walter T. Richardson, Ph.D.	Aye
Robert Zarco	Aye

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 27th day of September 2017.

PUBLIC HEALTH TRUST OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

BY: _____


Irene Lipof, Secretary

Approved by the Miami-Dade County Attorney's Office as to form
and legal sufficiency L.C.



TO: Joe Arriola, Chairman
and Members, Public Health Trust Board of Trustees

FROM: Carlos A. Migoya
President and Chief Executive Officer

DATE: September 27, 2017

RE: 2018 Federal and State Legislative Priorities

Recommendation

Staff recommends that the Public Health Trust Board of Trustees approve the 2018 Federal & State Legislative Priorities.

Scope

The legislative priorities encompass the major issues likely to impact Jackson Health System during the 2018 session of the Florida Legislature and during ongoing legislative and regulatory activity in Washington. The priorities will be incorporated into Miami-Dade County's Proposed 2018 Federal & State Legislative Package.

Fiscal Impact/Funding Source

There is no fiscal impact to setting the Trust's legislative priorities. Policy and funding changes made by the Legislature in reflection of these priorities can have a significant impact on the health system.

Track Record/Monitor

Associate Vice President of Government Affairs Nathan Ray will monitor the advancement of these priorities throughout the year.

Background

The 2018 Federal & State Legislative Priorities are being presented to the Strategy and Growth Committee for approval, followed by final Board approval and inclusion in the Miami Dade County Proposed 2018 Federal & State Legislative Package.

The specific priorities recommended for 2018 are attached.

2018 Legislative Priorities

FEDERAL PRIORITIES

Monitor changes to supplemental payments in conjunction with any proposed changes to the Affordable Care Act;

Block any changes to the Federal 340B drug discount program that would limit hospital and patient eligibility;

STATE PRIORITIES

Advocate for appropriations to mitigate losses created by a dwindling supplemental payment system that continues to erode financial support for treating uninsured and underinsured patients;

Protect against further cuts in state-appropriated funding;

Monitor any changes to the certificate of need system and ensure that safeguards are included to protect teaching hospitals and public hospitals; and

Protect trauma centers from further dilution of the trauma system, which can lower the overall community standard of care and incentivize specialist physicians to leave Florida.

Amend Part II of Chapter 154 of the Florida Statutes governing county public health trusts, by providing a new Section 154.13. The new section provides the county creating the public health trust with the exclusive jurisdiction over designated facilities, defined in Section 154.08 to include hospitals, clinics and other health club facilities owned or operated by a public health trust, even where the designated facility is located within municipal boundaries;

Amend Part II of Chapter 386 of the Florida Statutes, the Florida Clean Indoor Air Act, to prohibit smoking on all premises of public hospitals in Florida.