MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 14(A)(6)

TO:	Honorable Chairman Jean Monestime and Members, Board of County Commissioners	**DATE:**	June 7, 2016
FROM:	Abigail Price-Williams County Attorney	**SUBJECT:**	Resolution authorizing and directing the County Mayor to immediately allow County employees to contribute the value of accrued annual and holiday leave time to the County's Emergency Disaster Relief Fund for the purpose of donating the value of such leave time to the American Red Cross for reconstruction efforts related to the earthquake in Ecuador; setting the cap of such contributions at $250,000.00; and authorizing the County Mayor to make the contribution on behalf of the employees of Miami-Dade County

The accompanying resolution was prepared by the Human Resources Department and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Chairman Jean Monestime.

For

Abigail Price-Williams
County Attorney

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Memorandum

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY

Date: June 7, 2016

To: Honorable Chairman Jean Monestime
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

From: Carlos A. Gimenez
Mayor

Subject: Resolution Allowing County Employees to Contribute to the County's Emergency Disaster Relief Fund for Reconstruction Efforts Related to the Earthquake in Ecuador

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Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners (Board) adopt and approve the proposed Resolution which authorizes and directs the County Mayor or Mayor's designee to:

- Immediately allow County Employees to contribute the value of accrued annual and holiday leave time to the County's Emergency Disaster Relief Fund established by Resolution R-1071-05 for the purpose of donating the value of that leave time to the American Red Cross for reconstruction efforts related to the earthquake in Ecuador, and
- Sets a cap of such contributions at $250,000 and authorizes the County Mayor to make the contribution on behalf of the employees of Miami-Dade County.

Scope

The impact of this resolution is countywide as the County employees are eligible to donate leave time pursuant to R-1071-05.

Fiscal Impact/Funding Source

There will be no fiscal impact to the County. The funding source is the County's Emergency Disaster Relief Fund, which is funded by the value of leave time donated by County employees.

Track Record/Monitor

The donation of leave time is monitored by Arleene Cuellar, Director, Human Resources Department.

Delegation of Authority

The County Mayor or County Mayor's designee is authorized to disburse funds accumulated in accordance with R-1071-05. This item recommends the American Red Cross as the recipient of the funds for reconstruction efforts related to the earthquake in Ecuador. The County Mayor or County Mayor's designee is authorized to transfer the funds once this resolution becomes effective, and a reasonable amount of time is provided to allow employees to make donations of annual and holiday leave time.

Background

The Board has previously adopted resolutions to assist other communities devastated by natural disasters, including communities in Jamaica (R-1031-07), Texas (R-1103-08), New York (R-977-12) and most recently the Bahamas (R-956-15).

Attachment

Edward Marquez
Deputy Mayor

MEMORANDUM

(Revised)

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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 _____

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6-7-16

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO IMMEDIATELY ALLOW COUNTY EMPLOYEES TO CONTRIBUTE THE VALUE OF ACCRUED ANNUAL AND HOLIDAY LEAVE TIME TO THE COUNTY'S EMERGENCY DISASTER RELIEF FUND FOR THE PURPOSE OF DONATING THE VALUE OF SUCH LEAVE TIME TO THE AMERICAN RED CROSS FOR RECONSTRUCTION EFFORTS RELATED TO THE EARTHQUAKE IN ECUADOR; SETTING THE CAP OF SUCH CONTRIBUTIONS AT $250,000.00; AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR TO MAKE THE CONTRIBUTION ON BEHALF OF THE EMPLOYEES OF MIAMI DADE COUNTY

WHEREAS, Ecuador was hit by a devastating 7.8 magnitude earthquake on April 16, 2016 that was centered approximately 17 miles from the towns of Muisne and Pedernales, and 110 miles from the capital Quito; and

WHEREAS, regions of Manta, Pedernales and Portoviejo accounted for over 75 percent of total casualties, with Manta's central commercial shopping district being completely destroyed; and

WHEREAS, as of the most recent count, an estimated 659 people were killed, more than 27,000 people have been injured, and there is major structural damage in the Manabi province; and

WHEREAS, in response to the earthquake, a state of emergency was declared throughout the country and the National Guard was mobilized to assist in rescue and relief efforts; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable Eduardo Rivadeneira, Consul General of Ecuador, reached out to elected officials to discuss ways in which Miami-Dade County may help Ecuador recover from the devastation caused by the earthquake; and

WHEREAS, many residents and employees of Miami-Dade County have family members and friends in Ecuador that have been affected by the earthquake; and many generous County employees have expressed a desire to aid in the ongoing relief efforts; and

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County has previously adopted resolutions to assist other communities devastated by natural disasters, including communities in Jamaica (Hurricane Dean) Resolution No. R-1031-07, the Caribbean (Tropical Storm Fay and Hurricanes Hanna, Gustav and Ike) Resolution No. R-972-08, Texas (Hurricane Ike) Resolution No. R-1103-08, Louisiana, New Jersey and New York (Hurricane Sandy) Resolution No. R-977-12 and most recently the Bahamas (Hurricane Joaquin) Resolution No. R-956-15; and

WHEREAS, to provide a mechanism for providing assistance to communities-in-need, the Board of County Commissioners adopted Resolution No. R-1071-05 for the purpose of establishing an Emergency Disaster Relief Fund so that County employees could contribute earned annual and holiday leave time and anyone could contribute money to benefit victims of natural disasters and to help rebuild communities affected by natural disasters; and

WHEREAS, generous County employees have taken advantage of the fund established by Resolution No. R-1071-05 and previously contributed their earned holiday and annual leave to the victims of these natural disasters; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners wishes to permit such contributions towards reconstruction efforts related to the earthquake in Ecuador,

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

Section 1. Hereby authorizes and directs the County Mayor or Mayor's designee to immediately allow the donation by County employees of earned annual and holiday leave time to the County's Emergency Disaster Relief Fund, authorized by Resolution No. R-1071-05, for the purpose of donating the value of those annual and holiday leave hours up to a limit of $250,000.00.

Section 2. Directs the County Mayor or Mayor's designee to publicize and make available forms for employees to complete that will authorize such earned annual and holiday leave contributions. The authorization forms distributed by the County Mayor or Mayor's designee shall include a statement that the Board of County Commissioners has approved contributions of annual and holiday leave time for the purpose of relief efforts associated with the earthquake in Ecuador.

Section 3. Authorizes and directs the County Mayor or Mayor's designee to provide said donation of the value accumulated in the County's Emergency Disaster Relief Fund to the American Red Cross to be used toward Ecuador's earthquake relief efforts.

The foregoing resolution 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:

Jean Monestime, Chairman
Esteban L. Bovo, Jr., Vice Chairman

Bruno A. Barreiro	Daniella Levine Cava
Jose "Pepe" Diaz	Audrey M. Edmonson
Sally A. Heyman	Barbara J. Jordan
Dennis C. Moss	Rebeca Sosa
Sen. Javier D. Souto	Xavier L. Suarez
Juan C. Zapata	

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 6th day of June, 2016. 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. EAR

Eric A. Rodriguez