

# MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(9)

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and Members, Board of County Commissioners

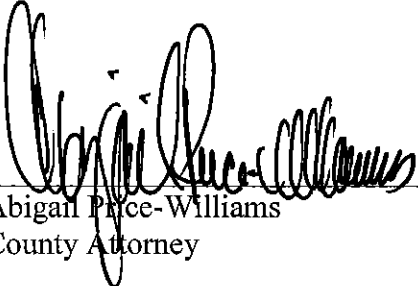
**DATE:** February 22, 2017

**FROM:** Abigail Price-Williams  
County Attorney

**SUBJECT:** Resolution expressing support  
for the Miami River  
Commission's request for  
funding from the Florida  
Legislature; urging the Florida  
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for the Miami River Commission

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The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Bruno A. Barreiro.

  
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County Attorney

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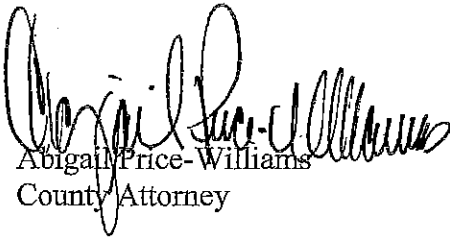


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Please note any items checked.

- "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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2-22-17

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

RESOLUTION EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE MIAMI RIVER COMMISSION'S REQUEST FOR FUNDING FROM THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE; URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR THE MIAMI RIVER COMMISSION

**WHEREAS**, in 1998, in an effort to improve the 5.5-mile Miami River and its surroundings, including the 69-square-mile water basin that includes much of the City of Miami and a portion of Miami-Dade County, the Florida Legislature created the Miami River Commission; and

**WHEREAS**, section 163.06(1)(a), Florida Statutes, established the Miami River Commission as "the official coordinating clearinghouse for all public policy and projects related to the Miami River"; and

**WHEREAS**, the Miami River Improvement Act, section 163.065(3), Florida Statutes, states that all "state and regional agencies shall provide all available assistance to the Miami River Commission in the conduct of its activities"; and

**WHEREAS**, the Miami River Commission utilizes funding from various sources to engage in a variety of activities that directly improve the Miami River; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Miami, Miami-Dade County, the Miami Downtown Development Authority and the private sector provide 45 percent of the Miami River Commission's funding; and

**WHEREAS**, the remainder of the Miami River Commission's total annual budget is provided by the State of Florida; and

**WHEREAS**, the Florida Legislature has previously approved the Miami River Commission's request for funding for Fiscal Year (FY) 2014-15, FY 2015-16 and FY 2016-17; and

**WHEREAS**, the Miami River Commission has again requested funding from the Florida Legislature during the 2017 Legislative Session; and

**WHEREAS**, this funding will be used to support efforts to decontaminate the Miami River, remove illegal dumping and invasive plant species, provide landscaping maintenance within state-owned submerged lands, deliver materials to hundreds of volunteers at beautification events and keep the public and private sectors informed about the Miami River Commission's activities; and

**WHEREAS**, this funding is critical to continue improving the Miami River's environment and aesthetics, which will then attract more new job-generating businesses and residential developments to open along the Miami River,

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

**Section 1.** Supports the Miami River Commission's request for funding from the Florida Legislature.

**Section 2.** Urges the Governor and Florida Legislature to provide funding for the Miami River Commission.

**Section 3.** Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the Governor, Senate President, House Speaker, Senator Rene Garcia, Representative Jose Felix Diaz, the Chair and remaining Members of the Miami-Dade State Legislative Delegation, and the Chair and members of the Miami River Commission.

**Section 4.** Directs the County's state lobbyists to advocate for the funding indicated in Sections 1 and 2 above, and authorizes and directs the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs to amend the 2017 State Legislative Package to include this item.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Bruno A. Barreiro. 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	
Bruno A. Barreiro	Daniella Levine Cava
Jose "Pepe" Diaz	Sally A. Heyman
Barbara J. Jordan	Joe A. Martinez
Jean Monestime	Dennis C. Moss
Rebeca Sosa	Sen. Javier D. Souto
Xavier L. Suarez	

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of February, 2017. 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.



Sabrina Levin