

# MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(1)

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

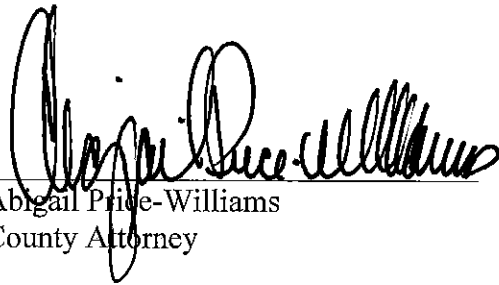
**DATE:** June 20, 2017

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

**SUBJECT:** Resolution expressing support  
for the Paris Climate Accord  
and expressing an intent to  
symbolically join with other  
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commitments to the goals  
enshrined in the Paris Climate  
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The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Daniella Levine Cava.

  
Abigail Price-Williams  
County Attorney

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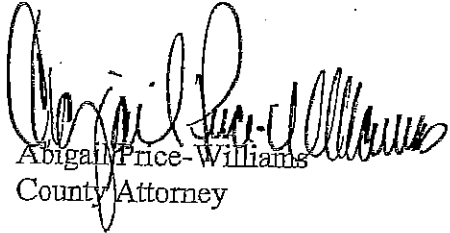


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Please note any items checked.

- ☐ "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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6-20-17

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

RESOLUTION EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE PARIS CLIMATE  
ACCORD AND EXPRESSING AN INTENT TO SYMBOLICALLY  
JOIN WITH OTHER LOCAL GOVERNMENTS TO ADOPT, HONOR  
AND UPHOLD THE COMMITMENTS TO THE GOALS ENSHRINED  
IN THE PARIS CLIMATE ACCORD

**WHEREAS**, the Paris Climate Accord, also known as the Paris Agreement, is an international agreement within the United Nations Framework on Climate Change; and

**WHEREAS**, the Paris Climate Accord came out of a pact on December 12, 2015 among representatives of 196 nations, to take action to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and slow the rise in global temperatures; and

**WHEREAS**, by creating a framework for setting climate-related goals and targets for emissions and global temperatures, the Paris Climate Accord intends to foster collaboration and cooperation among countries on climate change issues, which is vital to finding solutions to such issues of global importance; and

**WHEREAS**, President Donald Trump recently stated that the United States is officially withdrawing from the Paris Climate Accord and will not abide by the United States' previous commitments under the Paris Climate Accord; and

**WHEREAS**, after President Trump announced that the United States would withdraw from the Paris Climate Accord, over 211 mayors of cities in the United States signed on to a letter

that pledges to “adopt, honor, and uphold the commitments to the goals enshrined in the Paris Agreement,” and to “intensify efforts to meet each of our cities’ current climate goals, push for new action to meet the 1.5 degrees Celsius target, and work together to create a 21st century clean energy economy”; and

**WHEREAS**, as reported in the *New York Times* on June 1, 2017, other local government leaders, together with universities and businesses, wish to submit their own plan to the United Nations, to meet the United States’ targets for greenhouse gas emissions; and

**WHEREAS**, Miami-Dade County has adopted aggressive countywide targets for greenhouse gas reductions and strategies for implementation, including, but not limited to, through partnership with the International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives (ICLEI) - Local Governments for Sustainability, the National Association of Counties (NACo) Cool Counties initiative commitments, Miami-Dade County’s GreenPrint sustainability plan and the various energy-related legislation adopted by this Board; and

**WHEREAS**, this Board wishes to express its support for the Paris Climate Accord and symbolically join with other local governments within the United States to adopt, honor, and uphold the commitments to the goals of the Paris Climate Accord,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA**, that this Board hereby expresses its support for the Paris Climate Accord and expresses an intent to symbolically join other local governments within the United States to adopt, honor and uphold the commitments to the goals enshrined in the Paris Climate Accord.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Daniella Levine Cava. 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 20<sup>th</sup> day of June, 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.



Abbie Schwaderer-Raurell