

# MEMORANDUM

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Agenda Item No. 2E


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

**DATE:** October 10, 2017

**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 established by Resolution No. R-1071-05, for the purpose of donating the value of that leave time for relief efforts related to Hurricanes Irma and Maria; setting the cap of such contributions at \$250,000.00; directing the County Mayor to evaluate donation options and pursuant to Ordinance No. 14-65, provide a report to this Board with the Mayor's recommendation within 60 days

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Jose "Pepe" Diaz.

  
Abigail Price-Williams  
County Attorney

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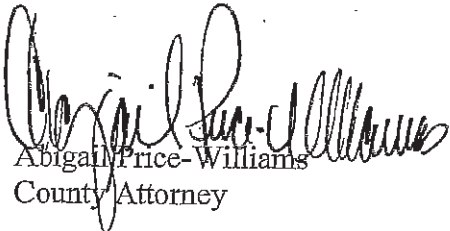


# MEMORANDUM

(Revised)

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

**DATE:** November 7, 2017

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

**SUBJECT:** Agenda Item No.

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 \_\_\_\_\_

Agenda Item No.  
11-7-17

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 ESTABLISHED BY RESOLUTION NO. R-1071-05, FOR THE PURPOSE OF DONATING THE VALUE OF THAT LEAVE TIME FOR RELIEF EFFORTS RELATED TO HURRICANES IRMA AND MARIA; SETTING THE CAP OF SUCH CONTRIBUTIONS AT \$250,000.00; DIRECTING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO EVALUATE DONATION OPTIONS AND PURSUANT TO ORDINANCE NO. 14-65, PROVIDE A REPORT TO THIS BOARD WITH THE MAYOR'S RECOMMENDATION WITHIN 60 DAYS

**WHEREAS**, on September 4, 2017, the Governor of the State of Florida issued a declaration of state of emergency for all 67 counties because of the threat posed by Hurricane Irma, which was one the most powerful Atlantic hurricanes on record; and

**WHEREAS**, on September 5, 2017, the Mayor of Miami-Dade County declared a local state of emergency for all of Miami-Dade County because of the threat posed by Hurricane Irma; and

**WHEREAS**, beginning on September 7, 2017, Hurricane Irma impacted the islands of the eastern Caribbean Sea as a category 5 hurricane; and

**WHEREAS**, Hurricane Irma caused devastation and loss of life in many of the islands in the eastern Caribbean Sea including the U.S. and British Virgin Islands, St. Martin, Barbuda, Puerto Rico, Haiti and the Dominican Republic; and

**WHEREAS**, on September 10 and 11, 2017, Hurricane Irma made impact throughout Florida and caused loss of life; and

**WHEREAS**, Hurricane Irma began impacting Florida by slamming the Florida Keys and then causing significant wind damage and flooding damage throughout most of the entire state of Florida; and

**WHEREAS**, in Florida alone, Hurricane Irma caused approximately 6.7 million electrical customers to lose electrical power; and

**WHEREAS**, the destruction from Hurricane Irma in Florida was so widespread that 48 of Florida's 67 counties have been declared eligible for FEMA assistance; and

**WHEREAS**, in quick succession, on September 18, 2017, Hurricane Maria impacted Dominica and other nearby islands as a category 5 hurricane that caused widespread devastation; and

**WHEREAS**, on September 20, 2017, Hurricane Maria impacted Puerto Rico as the strongest storm to hit the island in 85 years causing virtually the entire island of over 3 million people to lose electrical power including most hospitals and causing significant damage to Puerto Rico's infrastructure; and

**WHEREAS**, residents and employees of Miami-Dade County have family members and friends throughout the Caribbean and Florida that have been affected by Hurricanes Irma and Maria and 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 Ecuador (Earthquake) R-531-16, the Bahamas (Hurricane Joaquin) R-956-15, Jamaica (Hurricane Dean) R-1031-07, the

Caribbean (Hurricanes Hanna, Gustav and Ike and Tropical Storm Fay) R-972-08, Texas (Hurricane Ike) R-1103-08, New Jersey and New York (Hurricane Sandy) R-977-12 and Colombia (mudslides) R-460-17; 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 recovery and reconstruction efforts related to Hurricanes Irma and Maria,

**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 related to Hurricanes Irma and Maria in Florida, Puerto Rico and the islands of the Caribbean.

**Section 3.** This Board directs the County Mayor or Mayor's designee to evaluate options for the donation of funds contributed pursuant to this resolution in order to assist recovery efforts in the hardest-hit communities in Florida, Puerto Rico and the other islands of the Caribbean that were impacted by Hurricanes Irma and Maria. Pursuant to Ordinance No. 14-65, the County Mayor or Mayor's designee shall provide the report to this Board with the County Mayor's recommendation within 60 days, and shall place the completed report on the next available agenda.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Jose "Pepe" Diaz. 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 7<sup>th</sup> day of November, 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.



Eric A. Rodriguez