

# MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(20)

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

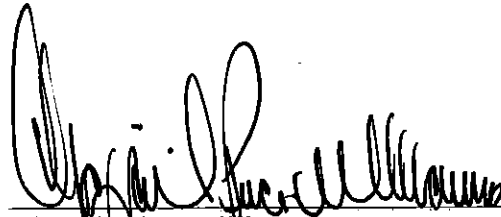
**DATE:** November 7, 2017

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

**SUBJECT:** Resolution supporting the  
"Flood Protection Act," H.R.  
2607, or similar legislation  
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consideration in, the 115<sup>th</sup>  
United States Congress that  
would authorize grants for  
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and adaptation infrastructure  
projects

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



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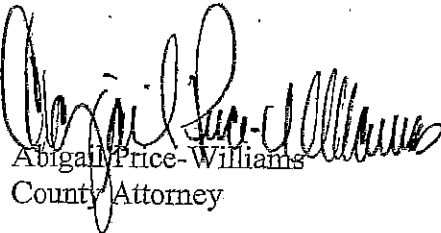


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Please note any items checked.

- "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

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Veto \_\_\_\_\_

11-7-17

Override \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

**WHEREAS**, South Florida is particularly vulnerable to sea level rise and flooding due to its low-lying topography, porous substrata, and extensive coastal infrastructure; and

**WHEREAS**, consequently, Miami-Dade County frequently experiences flooding in certain areas during major rain storms and cyclical king tides; and

**WHEREAS**, in early September 2017, widespread flooding was also reported in many parts of the County when Hurricane Irma impacted the state; and

**WHEREAS**, the “Flood Protection Act,” H.R. 2607, has been introduced in the 115th Congress by U.S. Representative Carlos Curbelo (R – Florida); and

**WHEREAS**, the “Flood Protection Act” would authorize federal grants to, among others, state and local governments for frequent and chronic coastal flooding mitigation and adaption infrastructure projects; and

**WHEREAS**, grants awarded pursuant to the “Flood Protection Act” could be used for any of the following purposes, provided there are no long-term negative impacts on important ecological functions and habitat or existing natural coastal protection features and functions:

- Adaptation of existing infrastructure, including enhancements to built and natural environments;

- Maintenance and updating of existing frequent and chronic coastal flood risk reduction infrastructure, such as gravity drainage structures, road elevation, bulkheads, gates, and floodwalls;
- Increasing waterfront resilience to frequent and chronic coastal flooding, including creation of bulkheads, dune enhancement, beach renourishment, and levees;
- Improvements to diversion, removal, and storage infrastructure to reduce risks caused by frequent and chronic coastal flooding; and
- Innovative methods to reduce risks caused by chronic flooding along street infrastructure systems, including canal streets, absorbent streets, floodable parks, and underground cisterns; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed legislation would allocate to the U.S. Secretary of the Interior \$3 billion annually for each fiscal year spanning 2018 to 2024 for purposes of awarding grants to state and local governments, with a federal share cap of 90 percent of project cost per activity; and

**WHEREAS**, the Miami-Dade County Comprehensive Development Master Plan contains a Coastal Management Element and a Capital Improvement Element that include, among other things, goals and policies addressed to mitigating the effects of sea level rise, and flooding; and

**WHEREAS**, the “Flood Protection Act,” if enacted, could assist the County in carrying out these and other goals and policies that aim to mitigate flooding and flood-related problems in our community; and

**WHEREAS**, this Board now wishes to support the proposed legislation,

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

Section 1. Supports 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.

Section 2. Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit certified copies of this resolution to U.S. Representative Carlos Curbelo and the remaining members of the Miami-Dade County Congressional Delegation.

Section 3. Directs the County’s federal lobbyists to advocate for the legislation and funding described in Section 1 above, and directs the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs to include this item in the 2018 Federal Legislative Package when it is presented to the Board.

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.



James Eddie Kirtley