

# MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(11)

---

**TO:** Honorable Chairwoman Audrey M. Edmonson  
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

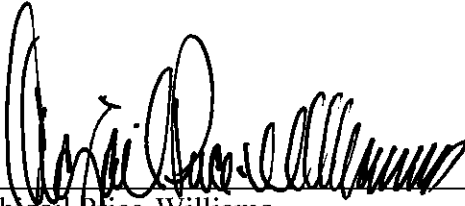
**DATE:** July 23, 2019

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

**SUBJECT:** Resolution urging Governor  
Ron DeSantis, the Florida  
Department of Environmental  
Protection and other applicable  
state agencies to issue a one-time  
extended permit for the removal  
of seaweed on beaches located  
in Miami-Dade County

---

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Eileen Higgins.

  
Abigail Price-Williams  
County Attorney

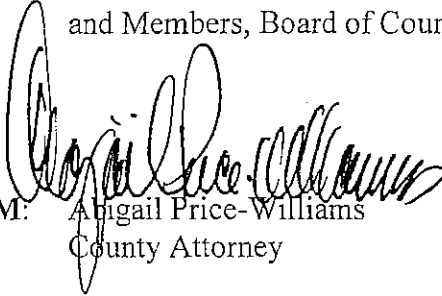
APW/smm



**MEMORANDUM**  
(Revised)

**TO:** Honorable Chairwoman Audrey M. Edmonson  
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

**DATE:** July 23, 2019

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

**SUBJECT:** Agenda Item No. 11(A)(11)

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 present \_\_\_\_, 2/3 membership \_\_\_\_, 3/5's \_\_\_\_, unanimous \_\_\_\_, CDMP 7 vote requirement per 2-116.1(3)(h) or (4)(c) \_\_\_\_, CDMP 2/3 vote requirement per 2-116.1(3)(h) or (4)(c) \_\_\_\_, or CDMP 9 vote requirement per 2-116.1(4)(c)(2) \_\_\_\_) to approve
- Current information regarding funding source, index code and available balance, and available capacity (if debt is contemplated) required

Approved \_\_\_\_\_  
Veto \_\_\_\_\_  
Override \_\_\_\_\_

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(11)  
7-23-19

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

RESOLUTION URGING GOVERNOR RON DESANTIS, THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND OTHER APPLICABLE STATE AGENCIES TO ISSUE A ONE-TIME EXTENDED PERMIT FOR THE REMOVAL OF SEAWEED ON BEACHES LOCATED IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY

**WHEREAS**, tourism is Miami-Dade County's largest industry; and

**WHEREAS**, the beaches in Miami-Dade County are the centerpiece of the County's tourist attractions; and

**WHEREAS**, sargassum seaweed, a type of floating algae has invaded some County beaches, including the popular tourist destinations on Miami Beach; and

**WHEREAS**, the presence of sargassum seaweed can have a deleterious effect on the tourist industry and impede resident's enjoyment of the natural beauty of our beaches; and

**WHEREAS**, the Parks, Recreation, and Open Spaces Department (PROS) is responsible for maintaining 17 miles of County beaches; and

**WHEREAS**, PROS works collaboratively with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection and the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission to follow all regulations and obtain required permits for beach cleaning; and

**WHEREAS**, the permits issued by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection to allow PROS to conduct environmental clean-up work such as the removal of seaweed are issued for only a two-week period; and

**WHEREAS**, an extended permit would allow PROS to maintain the current and approved practices for addressing the seaweed issue without the necessity of reapplying for a permit every two weeks,

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

**Section 1.** Urges Governor Ron DeSantis, the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, and other applicable state agencies to issue a one-time permit to PROS for the continuous use of heavy equipment in accordance with current approved practices for seaweed removal to run continuously through October 31, 2019.

**Section 2.** Directs the Clerk of the Board to send a certified copy of this Resolution to the Governor, the Secretary of the Florida Department of Environmental Regulation, and the Chair and Members of the Miami-Dade State Legislative Delegation.

**Section 3.** Directs the County's state lobbyists to advocate for the action described in section 1, and authorizes and directs the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs to amend the 2019 State Legislative Package to include this item in the 2019 State Legislative Package.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Eileen Higgins. 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:

Audrey M. Edmonson, Chairwoman	
Rebeca Sosa, Vice Chairwoman	
Esteban L. Bovo, Jr.	Daniella Levine Cava
Jose "Pepe" Diaz	Sally A. Heyman
Eileen Higgins	Barbara J. Jordan
Joe A. Martinez	Jean Monestime
Dennis C. Moss	Sen. Javier D. Souto
Xavier L. Suarez	

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of July, 2019. 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.

MJS

Melanie J. Spencer