

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(1)

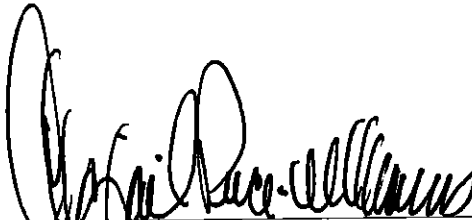
TO: Honorable Chairwoman Audrey M. Edmonson
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: December 17, 2019

FROM: Abigail Price-Williams
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution supporting President Donald J. Trump's decision to seek \$200 million in funding for the United States Army Corps of Engineers for Everglades restoration projects; and urging the United States Congress to appropriate the full \$200 million requested by the President for Everglades restoration projects

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Esteban L. Bovo, Jr.



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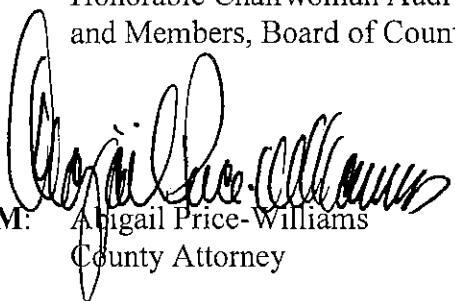
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Please note any items checked.

- "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 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 _____ Mayor
Veto _____
Override _____

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12-17-19

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING PRESIDENT DONALD J. TRUMP'S DECISION TO SEEK \$200 MILLION IN FUNDING FOR THE UNITED STATES ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS FOR EVERGLADES RESTORATION PROJECTS; AND URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO APPROPRIATE THE FULL \$200 MILLION REQUESTED BY THE PRESIDENT FOR EVERGLADES RESTORATION PROJECTS

WHEREAS, the Florida Everglades is a unique ecosystem that plays an integral role in the ecology, economy, and cultural life of Miami-Dade County and the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, while the Everglades once was ecologically healthier and covered a vaster expanse of land, human development for over a century has altered the geography, the hydrology, and other ecological aspects of the Everglades to the point where the health of the Everglades is critically at risk; and

WHEREAS, for the past few decades, the United States, the State of Florida, Miami-Dade County, and other local governments and governmental entities have engaged in legislative and regulatory action to restore the Everglades to a healthier ecological state; and

WHEREAS, the United States Army Corps of Engineers ("Army Corps") has played an important role in this Everglades restoration effort by implementing environmental and engineering projects set forth in the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan ("CERP"), which was approved by the United States Congress in 2000; and

WHEREAS, the Army Corps partners with the South Florida Water Management District ("District") to plan, construct, and maintain CERP projects, and the District receives funding for that purpose from the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, CERP nevertheless requires both state and federal funding, and the Army Corps thus relies on funding from Congress for CERP purposes; and

WHEREAS, last year, Congress appropriated about \$139 million for Everglades restoration projects; and

WHEREAS, earlier this year, President Donald J. Trump announced that, this year, his Administration would seek \$200 million in funding for the Army Corps for Everglades restoration projects, which is the full amount that Senators Marco Rubio and Rick Scott, Governor Ron DeSantis, and the District requested be appropriated; and

WHEREAS, for the health and welfare of the environment and people of Miami-Dade County and the State of Florida, this Board wishes to (1) support the President's decision to seek \$200 million in funding for the Army Corps for Everglades restoration projects and (2) urge Congress to appropriate the full \$200 million requested by the President,

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

Section 1. Supports President Donald J. Trump's decision to seek \$200 million in funding for the United States Army Corps of Engineers for Everglades restoration projects.

Section 2. Urges the United States Congress to appropriate the full \$200 million requested by the President Donald J. Trump for Everglades restoration projects.

Section 3. Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the President of the United States and the Members of the Florida Congressional Delegation.

Section 4. Directs the County's federal lobbyists to advocate for the appropriation in section 2, and authorizes and directs the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs to amend the 2019 Federal Legislative Package to include this item and to include this item in the 2020 Federal Legislative Package when it is presented to the Board.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Esteban L. Bovo, Jr. 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 this resolution duly passed and adopted this 17th day of December, 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.

CJW

Christopher J. Wahl