

# MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(7)

---

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

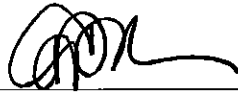
**DATE:** December 17, 2019

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

**SUBJECT:** Resolution supporting Governor  
Ron DeSantis's proposed  
legislation for the Florida  
Legislature's 2020 session that  
would expedite water quality  
improvements throughout Florida

---

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Vice Chairwoman Rebeca Sosa.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Abigail Price-Williams *for*  
County Attorney

APW/cp



**MEMORANDUM**  
(Revised)

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

**DATE:** December 17, 2019

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

**SUBJECT:** Agenda Item No. 11(A)(7)

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 \_\_\_\_\_

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(7)  
12-17-19

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

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING GOVERNOR RON DESANTIS'S  
PROPOSED LEGISLATION FOR THE FLORIDA  
LEGISLATURE'S 2020 SESSION THAT WOULD EXPEDITE  
WATER QUALITY IMPROVEMENTS THROUGHOUT  
FLORIDA

**WHEREAS**, on October 16, 2019, Governor Ron DeSantis announced proposed legislation for the Florida Legislature's 2020 session that would expedite water quality improvements throughout Florida; and

**WHEREAS**, the Governor's proposed legislation would, among other things, provide the following:

- Require utilities to develop inspection, maintenance, and replacement plans for their wastewater systems, rather than allowing these systems to age and fall into despair, and allow the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) to inspect the systems and require appropriate proactive measures;
- Ratify recent rules adopted by DEP to ensure biosolids are only applied to land that is high enough and dry enough to prevent interaction with groundwater;
- Transfer the authority to inspect septic tanks from the Florida Department of Health to DEP to ensure environmental harm by septic systems is accounted for;
- Require plans for the improvement of impaired water bodies, known as Basin Management Action Plans, to include septic remediation plans;

- Require DEP to coordinate with top academic institutions to send, on a yearly basis, up-to-date research to the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services to ensure agricultural best management practices are based on up-to-date science; and
- Direct DEP to adopt rules ensuring that stormwater systems are based on up-to-date science and account for environmental harm; and

**WHEREAS**, the Governor's proposed legislation incorporates science-based recommendations from the Blue-Green Algae Task Force, which the Governor established earlier this year as part of his effort to combat the blue-green algae threat that Florida has faced over the past few years; and

**WHEREAS**, the Governor's proposed legislation also furthers the directives of the Governor's Executive Order 19-12, which, in addition to establishing the Blue-Green Algae Task Force, set forth a number of directives with the goal of enhancing Florida's water quality and preserving Florida's natural resources; and

**WHEREAS**, this Board previously supported the Governor's Executive Order 19-12 in Resolution No. R-95-19; and

**WHEREAS**, the water quality improvements anticipated by the Governor's proposed legislation may bring environmental, health, and economic benefits to the people and environment of Miami-Dade County and would address a number of critical environmental threats facing our community; and

**WHEREAS**, for the benefit of the people and environment of Miami-Dade County and the State of Florida, this Board wishes to support the Governor's proposed legislation for the Florida Legislature's 2020 session that would expedite water quality improvements throughout Florida,

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

**Section 1.** Supports Governor Ron DeSantis's proposed legislation for the Florida Legislature's 2020 session that would expedite water quality improvements throughout Florida.

**Section 2.** Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the Governor, the Florida Senate President, the Florida House Speaker, the Chair and Members of the Miami-Dade County State Legislative Delegation, and the Secretary of the Florida Department of Environmental Protection.

**Section 3.** Directs the County's state lobbyists to advocate for the action set forth in Section 1, and authorizes and directs the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs to amend the 2020 State Legislative Package to include this item.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Vice Chairwoman Rebeca Sosa. 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.

Jose "Pepe" Diaz

Eileen Higgins

Joe A. Martinez

Dennis C. Moss

Xavier L. Suarez

Daniella Levine Cava

Sally A. Heyman

Barbara J. Jordan

Jean Monestime

Sen. Javier D. Souto

The Chairperson thereupon declared this resolution duly passed and adopted this 17<sup>th</sup> 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