

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(8)

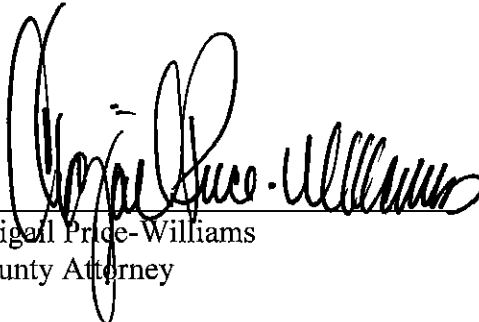
TO: Honorable Chairwoman Audrey M. Edmonson
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: December 17, 2019

FROM: Abigail Price-Williams
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution urging the United States Congress to enact S. 2289, H.R. 3961, the Renewable Energy Extension Act of 2019, or similar legislation designed to extend the current 30 percent investment tax credit for solar energy

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Daniella Levine Cava.



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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

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Veto _____

12-17-19

Override _____

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS
TO ENACT S. 2289, H.R. 3961, THE RENEWABLE ENERGY
EXTENSION ACT OF 2019, OR SIMILAR LEGISLATION
DESIGNED TO EXTEND THE CURRENT 30 PERCENT
INVESTMENT TAX CREDIT FOR SOLAR ENERGY

WHEREAS, on July 25, 2019, United States Representative Mike Thompson (D – California), filed H.R. 3961, the Renewable Energy Extension Act of 2019, which would amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for an extension of the energy tax credit and the tax credit for residential energy efficient property; and

WHEREAS, also on July 25, 2019, United States Senator Catherine Cortez Masto (D – Nevada), filed S. 2289, a companion bill to H.R. 3961; and

WHEREAS, the bipartisan companion bills provide a five-year extension of the Solar Investment Tax Credit (“ITC”) and residential renewable energy tax credit for solar; and

WHEREAS, the ITC was first passed in 2005 by a Republican-led Congress and signed into law by President George W. Bush; and

WHEREAS, according to the Solar Energy Industries Association, since 2005, the ITC created hundreds of thousands of jobs, stimulated more than \$140 billion in private investment, and helped grow solar deployment by more than 10,000 percent; and

WHEREAS, the Solar Energy Industries Association and almost 1,000 solar-industry companies across the United States maintain that the ITC is the strongest policy there is to support clean energy development, grow the economy, create jobs, and meaningfully cut greenhouse gas emissions; and

WHEREAS, without the passage of the Renewable Energy Extension Act, the ITC will begin to expire at the end of 2019; and

WHEREAS, the Renewable Energy Extension Act would extend clean energy tax incentives and ensure continued increases in renewable energy development; and

WHEREAS, clean energy tax incentives help to improve the environment, increase commercial and residential solar use, reduce carbon emissions, and create good-paying jobs; and

WHEREAS, this Board believes that the Renewable Energy Extension Act is vital to the environment and the United States solar industry; and

WHEREAS, this Board supports S. 2289, H.R. 3961, the Renewable Energy Extension Act of 2019, or similar legislation designed to extend the current 30 percent investment tax credit for solar energy,

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

Section 1. Urges the United States Congress to enact S. 2289, H.R. 3961, the Renewable Energy Extension Act of 2019, or similar legislation designed to extend the current 30 percent investment tax credit for solar energy.

Section 2. Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the President of the United States, United States Senator Catherine Cortez Masto, United States Representative Mike Thompson, all cosponsors of S. 2289, H.R. 3961, and the members of the Florida Congressional Delegation.

Section 3. Directs the County's state lobbyists to advocate for the passage of the legislation set forth in section 1 above, and authorizes and directs the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs to include this item in the 2020 State Legislative Package when it is presented to the Board.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Daniella Levine Cava. 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.

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Ryan Carlin