

# MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(12)

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

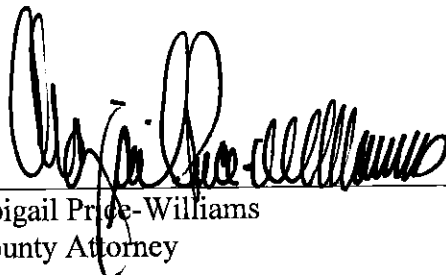
**DATE:** February 4, 2020

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

**SUBJECT:** Resolution directing the County Mayor to study the feasibility of utilizing Rebuilding Together Miami-Dade, Inc., a not-for-profit organization, to assist economically disadvantaged homeowners in Miami-Dade County with roof repair; and requiring a report

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The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Co-Prime Sponsors Commissioner Dennis C. Moss and Commissioner Daniella Levine Cava and Co-Sponsor Commissioner Xavier L. Suarez.



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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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2-4-20

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

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR THE COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO STUDY THE FEASIBILITY OF UTILIZING REBUILDING TOGETHER MIAMI-DADE, INC., A NOT-FOR-PROFIT ORGANIZATION, TO ASSIST ECONOMICALLY DISADVANTAGED HOMEOWNERS IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY WITH ROOF REPAIR; AND REQUIRING A REPORT

**WHEREAS**, Rebuilding Together Miami-Dade ("RTMD"), a not-for-profit organization formerly known as Christmas in April, was established in 1992 after Hurricane Andrew devastated parts of Miami-Dade County to help homeowners rebuild homes that were destroyed by the storm; and

**WHEREAS**, following the storm, the founders of RTMD recognized vulnerable homeowners in Miami-Dade County's ongoing need for assistance; and

**WHEREAS**, for over 25 years, RTMD has provided critical home repair and modification services free of charge to eligible homeowners, including roof replacement, plumbing and electrical repairs, drywall replacement, and bathroom modifications for persons with disabilities; and

**WHEREAS**, recipients of RTMD's assistance must meet certain requirements, including: the Miami-Dade County's income limits as published by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development; the property must be an owner-occupied, single family home; and the applicant must have owned and resided in the home for a minimum of two years; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2018, RTMD made repairs to 60 owner occupied homes, five community spaces, and two affordable rental homes; and

**WHEREAS**, RTMD's efforts have helped to ease the financial strain of home repair on cost-burdened families, preserve naturally occurring affordable housing, provide for housing security and stability, and ensure the safety and health of residents in our community; and

**WHEREAS**, the County, through the Miami-Dade Community Action Human Services Department, has certain home rehabilitation loan and grant programs available to limited-income residents, but the waitlist for such programs are between two and three years; and

**WHEREAS**, in addition, over the years, members of this Board have made allocations from their district community-based organization discretionary reserve funds and commission district funds to RTMD to make critical repairs to homes located in their districts; and

**WHEREAS**, nonetheless, the need for home repair services remains, particularly as it relates to the repair and replacement of roofs that sustained significant damage by Hurricane Irma in September of 2017 and whose leaks can contribute to the growth of mold, as well as to further damage to the properties within the homes; and

**WHEREAS**, this Board wishes to explore the possibility of partnering with RTMD to further assist eligible homeowners with making necessary repairs to their roofs in order to protect their homes, their health, and this community,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA**, that this Board directs the County Mayor or the County Mayor's designee to study the feasibility of utilizing Rebuilding Together Miami-Dade, Inc., to assist in repairing the roofs of economically disadvantaged homeowners in Miami-Dade County, in equitable amounts per commission district. The County Mayor or the County Mayor's designee shall report back to this Board in 60 days and shall place the completed report on an agenda of the Board no later than 30 days after its completion, in accordance with Ordinance No. 14-65.

The Co-Prime Sponsors of the foregoing resolution are Commissioner Dennis C. Moss and Commissioner Daniella Levine Cava and the Co-Sponsor is Commissioner Xavier L. Suarez. 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:

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| 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 4<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2020. 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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Leigh C. Kobrinski