

# MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(15)

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

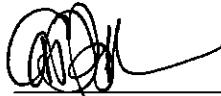
**DATE:** February 4, 2020

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

**SUBJECT:** Resolution urging the Florida  
Legislature to enact SB 7016,  
HB 1073, or similar legislation  
creating the Statewide Sea-Level  
Rise Task Force and codifying in  
state law the establishment of the  
Statewide Office of Resiliency

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



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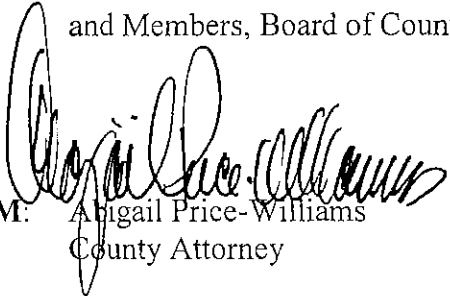


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Please note any items checked.

- ☐ "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

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Veto \_\_\_\_\_

2-4-20

Override \_\_\_\_\_

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

RESOLUTION URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO  
ENACT SB 7016, HB 1073, OR SIMILAR LEGISLATION  
CREATING THE STATEWIDE SEA-LEVEL RISE TASK  
FORCE AND CODIFYING IN STATE LAW THE  
ESTABLISHMENT OF THE STATEWIDE OFFICE OF  
RESILIENCY

**WHEREAS**, given South Florida's low elevation, vast coastline, and proximity to the ocean, the region is considered particularly vulnerable to the effects of sea-level rise; and

**WHEREAS**, according to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), sea levels are projected to rise between 0.89 ft. and 2.89 ft. in coastal areas of Miami-Dade County by the year 2050; and

**WHEREAS**, the County has demonstrated leadership in addressing sea-level rise issues through the creation of the County Office of Resilience and County Sea-Level Rise Task Force; and

**WHEREAS**, this Board has adopted multiple resolutions to implement the County Sea-Level Rise Task Force's recommendations; and

**WHEREAS**, additionally, the County is a member of the Southeast Florida Climate Change Compact and a participant in the Rockefeller Foundation's 100 Resilient Cities Program; and

**WHEREAS**, SB 7016 and HB 1073 have been filed for consideration during the 2020 session of the Florida Legislature by the Senate Committee on Infrastructure and Security and Representative Cyndi Stevenson (R – Saint Augustine), respectively; and

**WHEREAS**, this legislation would codify in state law the establishment of the Statewide Office of Resiliency within the Executive Office of the Governor; and

**WHEREAS**, this legislation also would create the Statewide Sea-Level Rise Task Force (the "Task Force") adjunct to the Statewide Office of Resiliency for the purpose of recommending the consensus projections of the anticipated sea-level rise and flooding impacts along this state's coastline; and

**WHEREAS**, the Task Force's duties would include developing official scientific information necessary to make recommendations on consensus baseline projections of the expected sea-level rise along Florida's coastline for planning horizons designated by the Task Force; and

**WHEREAS**, SB 7016 and HB 1073 would further require the Task Force to submit its recommended consensus baseline projections to the Environmental Regulation Commission, which is required to adopt or reject these projections; and

**WHEREAS**, if adopted, the Task Force's projections would serve as the state's official estimate of sea-level rise and flooding impacts along the state's coastline and would be used to develop future state projects, plans, and programs; and

**WHEREAS**, the Statewide Office of Resiliency and the Task Force to be established by SB 7016 and HB 1073 would serve a valuable purpose and fulfill an important function to Miami-Dade County and its residents; and

**WHEREAS**, accordingly, this Board wishes to urge the Florida Legislature to enact such legislation,

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

**Section 1.** Supports SB 7016, HB 1073, or similar legislation that would create the Statewide Sea-Level Rise Task Force for the purpose of recommending consensus projections of the anticipated sea-level rise and flooding impacts along this state's coastline and codify in state law the establishment of the Statewide Office of Resiliency.

**Section 2.** Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit certified copies of this resolution to the Governor, the Senate President, the House Speaker, the Chair of the Senate Committee on Infrastructure and Security, Representative Cyndi Stevenson, and the Chair and Members of the Miami-Dade State Legislative Delegation.

**Section 3.** Directs the County's state lobbyists to advocate for the legislation described 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 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 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.



Cristina M. Rabionet