

# MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(21)

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


**DATE:** May 5, 2020

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

**SUBJECT:** Resolution supporting Governor Desantis's plan to access federal disaster mitigation funding exceeding \$633 million; directing the County Mayor to prepare a report on the County's disaster mitigation initiatives, with an emphasis on incorporating the Sea Level Rise Task Force's recommendations; directing the County Mayor to work with the State Department of Economic Opportunity to include the County's initiatives in the State Action Plan; authorizing the County Mayor to apply for CDBG-MIT funds

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

  
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Abigail Price-Williams  
County Attorney

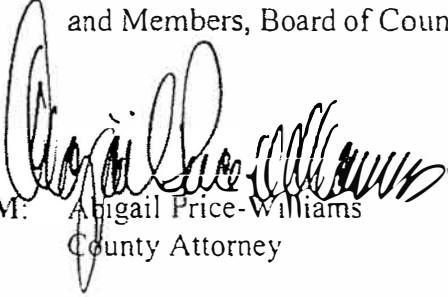
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Please note any items checked.

- "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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5-5-20

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

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING GOVERNOR DESANTIS'S PLAN TO ACCESS FEDERAL DISASTER MITIGATION FUNDING EXCEEDING \$633 MILLION; DIRECTING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO PREPARE A REPORT ON THE COUNTY'S DISASTER MITIGATION INITIATIVES, WITH AN EMPHASIS ON INCORPORATING THE SEA LEVEL RISE TASK FORCE'S RECOMMENDATIONS; DIRECTING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO WORK WITH THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY TO INCLUDE THE COUNTY'S INITIATIVES IN THE STATE ACTION PLAN; AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO APPLY FOR CDBG-MIT FUNDS

**WHEREAS**, Florida has approximately 1,200 miles of coastline; and

**WHEREAS**, Miami-Dade County has approximately 84 miles of coastline; and

**WHEREAS**, Florida and Miami-Dade County's coastlines are susceptible to risks from natural disasters, including flooding, erosion, and sea level rise; and

**WHEREAS**, natural disasters may harm the County's infrastructure and services; and

**WHEREAS**, within the last three years, federal states of emergency have been declared within the State of Florida for Hurricanes Matthew, Irma, Hermine, and Dorian; and

**WHEREAS**, the federal government has announced that the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) will make available a \$6.875 billion federal grant program designated Community Development Block Grant-Mitigation ("CDBG-MIT") intended for resiliency planning; and

**WHEREAS**, HUD has announced that mitigation includes “activities that increase resilience to disasters and reduce or eliminate the long-term risk of loss of life, injury, damage to and loss of property, and suffering and hardship, by lessening the impact of future disasters;” and

**WHEREAS**, Florida may receive up to \$633,485,000.00 in mitigation funding, dependent on the submission of a State Action Plan to HUD; and

**WHEREAS**, at least 50 percent of the allocated funding must address mitigation in HUD-designated Most Impacted and Distressed zip codes and counties, which includes Miami-Dade County; and

**WHEREAS**, at least 50 percent of the allocated funding must benefit low- and moderate-income persons; and

**WHEREAS**, Governor DeSantis has announced that Florida’s State Action Plan will be coordinated by the Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) for a February submission to HUD; and

**WHEREAS**, Governor DeSantis has stated “Florida has an incredible opportunity to leverage this first-of-its-kind federal mitigation funding to help our communities reduce the impacts and damage from future disasters;” and

**WHEREAS**, Governor DeSantis has appointed a Chief Resiliency Officer to further coordinate efforts on mitigation and resiliency,

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

**Section 1.** This Board supports Governor DeSantis’s State Action Plan for the State of Florida to apply for Community Development Block Grant-Mitigation (CDBG-MIT) Funding from the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

**Section 2.** This Board directs the County Mayor or County Mayor’s designee to provide a report on disaster mitigation initiatives within the County, with an emphasis on incorporating the Sea Level Rise Task Force’s recommendations. This Board also directs the County Mayor or County Mayor’s designee to assign staff to monitor compliance with the County’s own citizen participation requirements. This Board also directs the County Mayor or County Mayor’s designee to work with the State’s Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) and provide input to DEO on the draft State Action Plan and on matters related to current and future County disaster mitigation plans and initiatives in order to facilitate and create future funding opportunities for County disaster mitigation projects.

**Section 3.** This Board authorizes the County Mayor or County Mayor’s designee, once an award has been made by the federal government, to apply for funding from the State or HUD for CDBG-MIT funds or any available funding for disaster mitigation or resiliency efforts included in the State Action Plan.

**Section 4.** Pursuant to Ordinance No. 14-65, the completed report shall be placed on an agenda of this Board within 60 days.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Vice Chairwoman Rebeca Sosa and the Co-Sponsor is Chairwoman Audrey M. Edmonson. 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 the resolution duly passed and adopted this 5<sup>th</sup> day of May, 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.



Lauren E. Morse