

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(17)

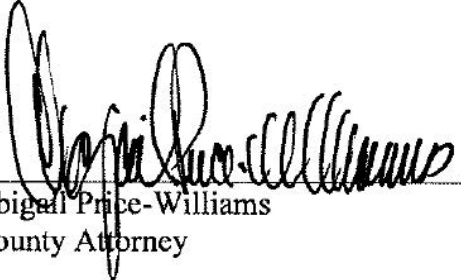
TO: Honorable Chairwoman Audrey M. Edmonson
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: April 7, 2020

FROM: Abigail Price-Williams
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution urging Governor Ron
Desantis to issue an executive
order imposing the same
isolation and quarantine
requirements on travelers
entering the State of Florida from
airports in Cuba and whose
points of departure originate in
Cuba, consistent with those
requirements currently imposed
on travelers from the New York
Tri-State area pursuant to
Executive Order No. 20-80

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor
Commissioner Esteban L. Bovo, Jr.


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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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4-7-20

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION URGING GOVERNOR RON DESANTIS TO ISSUE AN EXECUTIVE ORDER IMPOSING THE SAME ISOLATION AND QUARANTINE REQUIREMENTS ON TRAVELERS ENTERING THE STATE OF FLORIDA FROM AIRPORTS IN CUBA AND WHOSE POINTS OF DEPARTURE ORIGINATE IN CUBA, CONSISTENT WITH THOSE REQUIREMENTS CURRENTLY IMPOSED ON TRAVELERS FROM THE NEW YORK TRI-STATE AREA PURSUANT TO EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 20-80

WHEREAS, a new coronavirus, known as SARS-CoV-2, causes an infectious disease named “coronavirus disease 2019” (“COVID-19”) that has spread rapidly since its initial identification in Wuhan, Hubei Province, China, in December 2019; and

WHEREAS, on March 1, 2020, in response to COVID-19, Governor Ron DeSantis issued Executive Order No. 20-51 directing the State Health Officer and Surgeon General to declare a public health emergency in Florida and directing the State Health Officer to take any action necessary to protect the public health and to follow guidelines established by the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (“CDC”) to control the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 9, 2020, Governor Ron DeSantis issued Executive Order No. 20-52 declaring a state of emergency for the entire State of Florida as a result of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 23, 2020, Governor Ron DeSantis issued Executive Order No. 20-80, directing all persons whose point of departure originates from outside of Florida in an area with substantial community spread to include the New York Tri-State Area, and entering Florida through airports to isolate or quarantine for a period of 14 days from the time of entry into the Florida or the duration of the person’s presence in Florida, whichever is shorter; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 20-80 directs the Florida Department of Health (“DOH”) to take any necessary steps to ensure the screening and appropriate isolation and quarantine of individuals covered by the Order, in coordination with the Florida Department of Emergency Management, the aviation and airport authorities in Florida, county and local governments, and law enforcement agencies to effectuate the isolation or quarantine; and

WHEREAS, on March 24, 2020, the Florida Department of Transportation issued guidance for implementation of Executive Order No. 20-80 (Guidance 20-80), which provides that travelers from the New York Tri-State Area, consisting of New York, New Jersey and Connecticut, must complete an airport traveler form upon arrival to provide key contact information and trip details to DOH, and are subject to additional monitoring by DOH; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Guidance 20-80, travelers will be provided with a traveler card, which has contact information and guidance in the event the traveler exhibits symptoms that are attributed to COVID-19 while in isolation; and

WHEREAS, any traveler’s failure to complete the form as directed and to follow any isolation or quarantine order from DOH is a second degree misdemeanor under Florida law; and

WHEREAS, each public airport has been asked to provide data, including existing scheduled flights that will originate from the New York Tri-State Area, to ensure DOH staff and law enforcement are onsite upon the flight’s arrival; and

WHEREAS, members of the Florida National Guard are on site at airports throughout Florida to help ensure the process runs efficiently; and

WHEREAS, many cases of COVID-19 in Florida have been as a result of individuals coming into Florida from international travel and exposing our residents; and

WHEREAS, it is vital that countries are forthright when they identify positive cases of the virus; and

WHEREAS, Cuba has a long history of not reporting accurate information regarding health issues on the island, which poses a serious health risk to Florida; and

WHEREAS, the health care system and the tracking methods utilized in Cuba are highly unreliable; and

WHEREAS, Miami International Airport (“MIA”) has 20 flights between Miami and Cuba operating on a daily basis and at least two passengers on flights originating in Cuba tested positive for COVID-19 while traveling through MIA to their final destination in California; and

WHEREAS, the risk of the pandemic is far too great to continue to allow unfettered travel to and from countries that are not presumably forthright and are not well equipped to detect and contain COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, this Board would like to urge Governor Ron DeSantis to issue an executive order imposing the same isolation and quarantine requirements on travelers entering the State of Florida from airports in Cuba, and whose points of departure originate in Cuba, consistent with those requirements currently imposed on travelers from the New York Tri-State Area pursuant to Executive Order No. 20-80,

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

Section 1. Urges Governor Ron DeSantis to issue an executive order imposing the same isolation and quarantine requirements on travelers entering the State of Florida from airports in Cuba, and whose points of departure originate in Cuba, consistent with those requirements currently imposed on travelers from the New York Tri-State Area pursuant to Executive Order No. 20-80.

Section 2. Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the Governor and the Chair and Members of the Miami-Dade State Legislative Delegation.

Section 3. Directs the County’s state lobbyists to advocate for the actions set forth in section 1 above, 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 Esteban L. Bovo, Jr. 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	

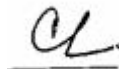
The Chairperson thereupon declared this resolution duly passed and adopted this 7th day of April, 2020. This resolution shall become effective upon the earlier of (1) 10 days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the County Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override 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.



Cynji A. Lee