

# MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(28)

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

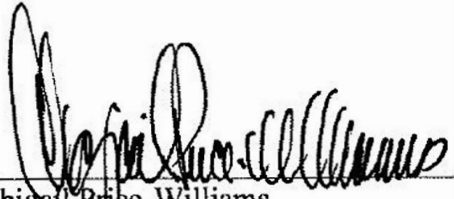
**DATE:** May 5, 2020

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

**SUBJECT:** Resolution urging President  
Donald J. Trump to enable the  
operation of the Disaster  
Supplemental Nutrition  
Assistance Program in Florida  
due to the Coronavirus Disease  
2019 (COVID-19)

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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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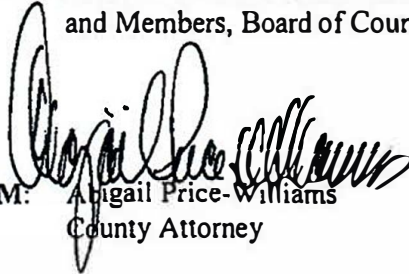
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Please note any items checked.

- "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 \_\_\_\_\_

5-5-20

Override \_\_\_\_\_

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

RESOLUTION URGING PRESIDENT DONALD J. TRUMP TO  
ENABLE THE OPERATION OF THE DISASTER  
SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM IN  
FLORIDA DUE TO THE CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019  
(COVID-19)

**WHEREAS**, the Disaster Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (“D-SNAP”) gives food assistance to low-income households with damage caused by a natural disaster; and

**WHEREAS**, D-SNAP permits individuals and families to qualify for benefits if there is a loss or reduction of income due to a declared disaster; and

**WHEREAS**, D-SNAP would also permit current Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (“SNAP”) recipients to receive a supplement which will increase their monthly benefit; and

**WHEREAS**, in order to activate D-SNAP, a state must request approval from the United States Department of Agriculture’s Food and Nutrition Service (USDA’s FNS) in a declared disaster area and the President must authorize the activation of individual assistance programs such as D-SNAP in the disaster area; 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 coronavirus disease 2019 (“COVID-19”); and

**WHEREAS**, on March 13, 2020, President Trump declared a national emergency due the COVID-19 pandemic; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 22, 2020, Governor Ron DeSantis requested that President Trump declare a major disaster for the State of Florida and requested activation of individual assistance to operate the D-SNAP program; and

**WHEREAS**, On March 25, 2020, President Donald J. Trump declared that a major disaster exists in the State of Florida and ordered federal assistance to supplement State, tribal, and local recovery efforts in the areas affected by COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, the declaration of major disaster in Florida by President Trump did not include the necessary individual assistance to approve the operation of D-SNAP in Florida; and

**WHEREAS**, as restaurants, bars and other public places are closed due to COVID-19, Floridians are left with substantially fewer hours or are unemployed; and

**WHEREAS**, the number of people needing assistance to get food is growing in Florida as unemployment climbs amid the economic meltdown caused by the COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, this Board urges President Trump to activate D-SNAP in Florida due to the major disaster caused by COVID-19,

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

**Section 1.** Urges President Donald J. Trump to enable the operation of the Disaster Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program in Florida due to COVID-19.

**Section 2.** Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to President Donald Trump and the Members of the Miami-Dade County Congressional Delegation.

**Section 3.** Directs the County’s federal lobbyist to advocate for the legislative action set forth in section 1 above and authorizes and directs the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs to amend the 2020 Federal 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:

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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 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.



Suzanne Villano-Charif