

# MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(36)

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

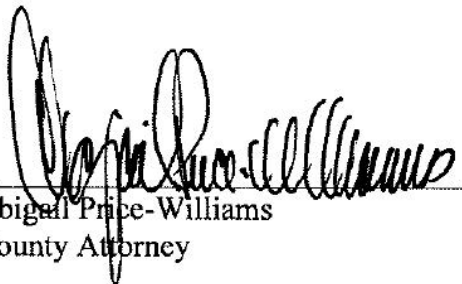
**DATE:** May 5, 2020

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

**SUBJECT:** Resolution urging the federal  
government to support Miami-  
Dade Fire Rescue's application  
under the United States Agency  
for International Development  
Cooperative Agreement to  
provide international urban  
search and rescue response

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The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Joe A. Martinez.

  
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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 URGING THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO  
SUPPORT MIAMI-DADE FIRE RESCUE'S APPLICATION  
UNDER THE UNITED STATES AGENCY FOR  
INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT COOPERATIVE  
AGREEMENT TO PROVIDE INTERNATIONAL URBAN  
SEARCH AND RESCUE RESPONSE

**WHEREAS**, Miami-Dade Fire Rescue (MDFR) is one of two original national Urban Search and Rescue (USAR) teams and is among the best trained and most accomplished such units in the country; and

**WHEREAS**, MDFR has demonstrated a track record of providing life-saving USAR and emergency services following natural disasters within Miami-Dade County (the County), elsewhere in the United States and abroad, and has been deployed in the past to disaster zones around the world to support life-saving operations; and

**WHEREAS**, the longstanding experience of the County's disaster response program has enabled MDFR to provide the needed guidance to the South Florida community with the appropriate assistance to affected populations abroad; and

**WHEREAS**, as a direct result of the County's involvement in disaster response, MDFR has built strong alliances with several regional, national, and international agencies in disaster response; and

**WHEREAS**, MDFR is the largest fire rescue department in the Southeast United States and the sixth largest in the nation with an outstanding reputation in emergency service; and

**WHEREAS**, the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) may provide reimbursement to USAR teams providing services outside their home jurisdiction internationally through a cooperative agreement; and

**WHEREAS**, it is in the best interests of the County to deploy USAR teams to national and international disaster zones in support of life-saving operations if such deployment is supported by federal funding; and

**WHEREAS**, such opportunities allow for the preservation of lives by USAR teams and provide valuable real-world experience in the event of a disaster within the County; and

**WHEREAS**, for the foregoing reasons, this Board would like to urge the federal government to support Miami-Dade Fire Rescue's application under the USAID cooperative agreement to provide international urban search and rescue response,

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

**Section 1.** Urges the federal government to support Miami-Dade Fire Rescue's application under the United States Agency for International Development cooperative agreement to provide international urban search and rescue response.

**Section 2.** Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit certified copies of this resolution to the Administrators of the USAID and the members of the Florida Congressional Delegation.

**Section 3.** Directs the County's federal lobbyists to advocate for the legislation described 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 Joe A. Martinez. 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.

Ryan Carlin