

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(14)

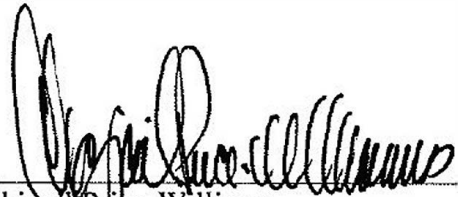
TO: Honorable Chairwoman Audrey M. Edmonson
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: May 19, 2020

FROM: Abigail Price-Williams
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution urging Governor Ron DeSantis and Secretary of State Laurel M. Lee to request Florida's federal share of Help America Vote Act (HAVA) emergency funds from the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act), made available to states to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the coronavirus for the 2020 federal election cycle in light of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19)

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



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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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5-19-20

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION URGING GOVERNOR RON DESANTIS AND SECRETARY OF STATE LAUREL M. LEE TO REQUEST FLORIDA'S FEDERAL SHARE OF HELP AMERICA VOTE ACT (HAVA) EMERGENCY FUNDS FROM THE CORONAVIRUS AID, RELIEF, AND ECONOMIC SECURITY ACT (CARES ACT), MADE AVAILABLE TO STATES TO PREVENT, PREPARE FOR, AND RESPOND TO THE CORONAVIRUS FOR THE 2020 FEDERAL ELECTION CYCLE IN LIGHT OF CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID-19)

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; and

WHEREAS, on January 30, 2020, the International Health Regulations Emergency Committee of the World Health Organization ("WHO") declared the outbreak a "public health emergency of international concern"; and

WHEREAS, in response to the public health emergency and the economic impacts caused by COVID-19, the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act ("CARES ACT") has been passed by Congress and signed into law; and

WHEREAS, the CARES Act includes \$400 million in new Help America Vote Act (HAVA) emergency funds; and

WHEREAS, these HAVA funds are made available to states to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus, domestically or internationally, for the 2020 federal election cycle; and

WHEREAS, the match requirement for states for these funds is 20 percent; and

WHEREAS, allowable uses for these HAVA funds include printing of additional ballots and envelopes for potential higher levels of absentee or vote by mail processes; and

WHEREAS, the HAVA funds made available through the CARES Act can also be used for cleaning supplies and protective masks and equipment for staff and poll workers in early voting, vote center, or election day polling places; and

WHEREAS, according to the website for the Election Assistance Commission, Florida is one of only six states that has not yet submitted a disbursement request letter for its federal share of HAVA funds; and

WHEREAS, according to the website for the Election Assistance Commission, Florida's federal share of HAVA funds is \$20,152,160; and

WHEREAS, this Board wishes to ensure that Florida benefits from any and all available federal funding for preventing, preparing for, and responding to coronavirus in connection with the 2020 federal election cycle,

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 and Secretary of State Laurel M. Lee to request Florida's federal share of Help America Vote Act (HAVA) emergency funds from the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act), made available to states to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the coronavirus for the 2020 federal election cycle in light of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19).

Section 2. Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the Governor, the Secretary of State, 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 and to include this item in the 2021 State Legislative Package when it is presented to the Board.

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 19th 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.



Anita Viciano Zapata