

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(20)

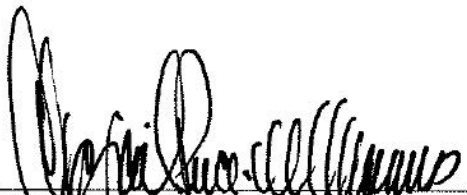
TO: Honorable Chairwoman Audrey M. Edmonson
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: August 31, 2020

FROM: Abigail Price-Williams
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution urging the United States Congress and the Florida Legislature to provide additional funding for Biscayne Bay; preliminarily identifying this issue as a 2021 federal and state legislative priority

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Vice Chairwoman Rebeca Sosa and Co-Sponsor 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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8-31-20

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS
AND THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO PROVIDE
ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR BISCAYNE BAY;
PRELIMINARILY IDENTIFYING THIS ISSUE AS A 2021
FEDERAL AND STATE LEGISLATIVE PRIORITY

WHEREAS, the health and well-being of Biscayne Bay as a whole are linked to the economic well-being of Miami-Dade County through industries such as tourism, commercial and recreational fishing, and other water-based recreational activities; and

WHEREAS, Biscayne Bay also provides Miami-Dade County residents and visitors with ecological and environmental benefits, beauty, and serenity; and

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County is a renowned popular travel destination attracting a large amount of overnight visitors, with the beaches and Biscayne Bay being the most heavily visited areas; and

WHEREAS, in this way, Biscayne Bay is an economic generator for both Miami-Dade County and the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, even based on the economic impact of Biscayne Bay alone, issues that may affect the health and well-being of Biscayne Bay are of the utmost importance to Miami-Dade County; and

WHEREAS, in 2019, this Board adopted Resolution No. R-165-19 creating the Biscayne Bay Task Force; and

WHEREAS, the Biscayne Bay Task Force's purpose was to develop recommendations and an action plan identifying problem areas and prioritizing projects for Biscayne Bay, and to present the recommendations in a report to this Board; and

WHEREAS, the Biscayne Bay Task Force has now produced its report, which contains numerous recommendations for this Board; and

WHEREAS, one of the Biscayne Bay Task Force's recommendations was to urge the State of Florida to provide additional funding for Biscayne Bay on an annual basis; and

WHEREAS, as recommended by the Biscayne Bay Task Force, such funding from the State of Florida could also be allocated for Biscayne Bay through particular programs, including, for example, for a National Estuary Program or "other programs that support the Biscayne Bay-based economy and quality of life in Southeast Florida;" and

WHEREAS, such additional funding from the State of Florida could assist the County in carrying out a variety of activities and programs that may support, improve, and restore the health and well-being of Biscayne Bay; and

WHEREAS, additional funds for Biscayne Bay from the United States Congress also would aid in these efforts, and resulting improvements to Biscayne Bay would benefit Biscayne National Park, of which the bay is a part and which is managed and funded by the federal government; and

WHEREAS, as such, this Board wishes to urge both the United States Congress and the Florida Legislature to provide additional funding for Biscayne Bay on a recurring basis, and to preliminarily identify this issue as a 2021 federal and state legislative priority,

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

Section 1. Urges the United States Congress and the Florida Legislature to provide additional funding for Biscayne Bay on a recurring basis.

Section 2. Preliminarily identifies this issue as a 2021 federal and state legislative priority.

Section 3. Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the President of the United States, the members of the Florida Congressional Delegation, the Florida Governor, Senate President, and House Speaker, the Chair and members of the Miami-Dade County State Legislative Delegation, and the Secretary of the Florida Department of Environmental Protection.

Section 4. Directs the County’s federal and state lobbyists to advocate for the action set forth in section 1 above, and authorizes and directs the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs to include this issue in the 2021 Federal Legislative Package and 2021 State Legislative Package when they are presented to the Board.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Vice Chairwoman Rebeca Sosa and the Co-Sponsor 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:

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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 31st day of August, 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.



Dennis A. Kerbel