

# MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(7)

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

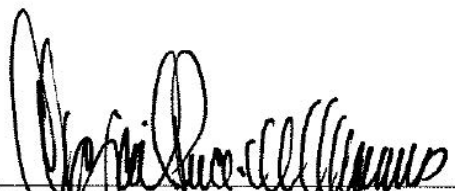
**DATE:** October 20, 2020

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

**SUBJECT:** Resolution urging the United States Congress to allocate additional funding to air carriers and contractors for economic relief as a result of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) to stave off massive layoffs of employees in the airline industry

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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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Abigail Price-Williams  
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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10-20-20

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

RESOLUTION URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS  
TO ALLOCATE ADDITIONAL FUNDING TO AIR CARRIERS  
AND CONTRACTORS FOR ECONOMIC RELIEF AS A  
RESULT OF CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID-19) TO  
STAVE OFF MASSIVE LAYOFFS OF EMPLOYEES IN THE  
AIRLINE INDUSTRY

**WHEREAS**, the airline industry continues to suffer as a result of the coronavirus disease 2019 (“COVID-19”), an infectious disease caused by severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2, a novel coronavirus that was first identified in December 2019; and

**WHEREAS**, COVID-19 has spread rapidly throughout the world; and

**WHEREAS**, because one of the ways to contain the virus and reduce its spread is to keep a physical distance, passenger traffic has dropped drastically and is only now slowly increasing; and

**WHEREAS**, to address the major financial implications associated with the decrease in passenger traffic, the United States Congress enacted the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (the “CARES Act”), a \$2 trillion stimulus package; and

**WHEREAS**, among other things, the CARES Act provided \$25 billion for passenger air carriers, \$4 billion for air-cargo carriers and \$3 billion for certain contractors; and

**WHEREAS**, the CARES Act implemented the Payroll Support Program which provides that to be eligible for financial assistance, an air carrier or contractor shall refrain from conducting involuntary furloughs or reducing pay rates and benefits until September 30, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, the United States Congress is currently considering another stimulus bill, the Health and Economic Recovery Omnibus Emergency Solutions Act (the “HEROES Act”), a \$3 trillion emergency relief package that would provide additional funding to state and local governments and provide individuals with financial assistance, increased food benefits, additional unemployment funds, and rental and mortgage assistance to stabilize the economy; and

**WHEREAS**, the HEROES Act, however, would not provide additional stimulus relief to air carriers and contractors; and

**WHEREAS**, although helpful, the HEROES Act, if passed, would only partially extend the Payroll Support Program to September 30, 2020, or the date on which such financial assistance is fully exhausted by the air carrier or contractor, whichever date occurs later; and

**WHEREAS**, it is essential that the United States Congress allocate additional dollars to stave off massive layoffs of employees in the airline industry,

**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 to allocate additional funding to air carriers and contractors for economic relief as a result of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) to stave off massive layoffs of employees in the airline industry.

**Section 2.** Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit certified copies of this resolution to the President of the United States and Members of the Miami-Dade County Congressional Legislative Delegation.

**Section 3.** Directs the County’s federal lobbyists to advocate for the 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:

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 20<sup>th</sup> day of October, 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.



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