

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(13)

TO: Honorable Acting Chairwoman Rebeca Sosa
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: December 15, 2020

FROM: Geri Bonzon-Keenan
Successor County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution authorizing and directing the County Mayor to immediately allow County employees to contribute the monetary value of accrued holiday and annual leave time to the County's Emergency Disaster Relief Fund established by Resolution No. R-1071-05 for the purpose of donating to Hurricane Iota relief efforts; setting a cap for such contributions; directing the County Mayor to evaluate donation options, make a recommendation and provide a report

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Jose "Pepe" Diaz.



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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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12-15-20

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO IMMEDIATELY ALLOW COUNTY EMPLOYEES TO CONTRIBUTE THE MONETARY VALUE OF ACCRUED HOLIDAY AND ANNUAL LEAVE TIME TO THE COUNTY'S EMERGENCY DISASTER RELIEF FUND ESTABLISHED BY RESOLUTION NO. R-1071-05 FOR THE PURPOSE OF DONATING TO HURRICANE IOTA RELIEF EFFORTS; SETTING A CAP FOR SUCH CONTRIBUTIONS; DIRECTING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO EVALUATE DONATION OPTIONS, MAKE A RECOMMENDATION AND PROVIDE A REPORT

WHEREAS, on November 16, 2020, Hurricane Iota made landfall in Central America as a dangerous Category 4 storm with maximum sustained winds of 155 mph (just 2 mph shy of Category 5 status); and

WHEREAS, Hurricane Iota has devastated Central America, which is still recovering from Hurricane Eta, another Category 4 storm that struck the region 15 miles away just days earlier on November 3, 2020, and hovered for days over Central America with heavy rains creating flooding and landslides that wiped out entire communities; and

WHEREAS, Hurricane Eta killed more than 130 people in the region; and

WHEREAS, as of November 20, 2020, Hurricane Iota had killed at least 40 people across Central America; and

WHEREAS, in the days following Hurricane Iota's landfall, the Central American region received heavy rains, which caused life-threatening flash flooding, river flooding, and mudslides; and

WHEREAS, there are and will be significant emergency relief needs in the areas affected by Hurricane Iota; and

WHEREAS, residents of Miami-Dade County have family members, friends, and business relationships with our neighbors in Honduras, Colombia, Guatemala, El Salvador, Panama, and other affected areas; and

WHEREAS, to provide a mechanism for providing assistance to other communities, the Board of County Commissioners adopted Resolution No. R-1071-05 for the purpose of establishing an Emergency Disaster Relief Fund so that County employees may contribute earned annual and holiday leave time to benefit victims of natural disasters and in rebuilding communities affected by natural disasters; and

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County has previously adopted resolutions to assist other communities devastated by natural disasters, including communities in: the Bahamas and states along the United States Atlantic coast (Resolution No. R-883-19), Florida (Resolution No. R-1091-18), Guatemala (Resolution No. R-654-18), Florida, Texas and the Caribbean (Resolution No. R-880-17), Colombia (Resolution No. 460-17), Haiti and the Bahamas (Resolution No. R-923-16), Ecuador (Resolution No. 531-16), the Bahamas (Resolution No. 956-15), Louisiana, New Jersey, and New York (Resolution No. 977-12), Haiti (Resolution No. R-01-10), Texas (Resolution No. 1103-08), various Caribbean countries (Resolution No. 972-08), and Jamaica (Resolution No. 1031-07); and

WHEREAS, generous County employees took advantage of the fund established by Resolution No. R-1071-05 and contributed their earned holiday and annual leave to the victims of these natural disasters; and

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County wants to ensure that any funds collected are used properly and provide the maximum relief possible for those in need; and

WHEREAS, Nicaragua is currently controlled by an authoritarian regime, which is reportedly misusing aid, and using it as a political tool; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners wishes to permit contributions towards recovery and reconstruction efforts in all affected countries except Nicaragua that have been undertaken as a result of the impact of Hurricane Iota,

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

Section 1. This Board hereby authorizes and directs the County Mayor or Mayor's designee to immediately allow the donation by County employees of accrued annual and holiday leave time to the County's Emergency Disaster Relief Fund authorized by Resolution No. R-1071-05 for the purpose of donating the monetary value of those annual and holiday leave hours up to a limit of \$250,000.00 to Hurricane Iota relief efforts in all affected countries except Nicaragua that have been most affected by the storm.

Section 2. The County Mayor or Mayor's designee shall publicize and make available forms for employees to complete in order to authorize said earned annual and holiday leave contributions. The authorization forms to be distributed by the County Mayor or Mayor's designee shall include a statement that the Board of County Commissioners has approved contributions of earned annual and holiday leave time for the purpose of Hurricane Iota relief efforts.

Section 3. This Board directs the County Mayor or Mayor's designee to evaluate options for the donation of funds contributed pursuant to this resolution in order to assist recovery efforts in communities most affected by Hurricane Iota, except those in Nicaragua. Pursuant to Ordinance No. 14-65, the County Mayor or Mayor's designee shall provide the report to this Board with the Mayor's recommendation within 30 days, and shall place the completed report on the next available agenda.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Jose "Pepe" Diaz. 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:

Rebeca Sosa, Acting Chairwoman	
Jose "Pepe" Diaz	Sen. René García
Oliver G. Gilbert, III	Keon Hardemon
Sally A. Heyman	Danielle Cohen Higgins
Eileen Higgins	Joe A. Martinez
Kionne L. McGhee	Jean Monestime
Raquel A. Regalado	Sen. Javier D. Souto

The Chairperson thereupon declared this resolution duly passed and adopted this 15th day of December, 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.



Marlon D. Moffett