

# MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(16)

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**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 approving 2021 state legislative package, including guiding principles, resolutions adopted by the Board urging the Florida Legislature, departmental legislative requests, and priorities of the Property Appraiser and the Public Health Trust

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The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Acting Chairwoman Rebeca Sosa.



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(Revised)

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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 \_\_\_\_\_

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(16)  
12-15-20

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

RESOLUTION APPROVING 2021 STATE LEGISLATIVE PACKAGE, INCLUDING GUIDING PRINCIPLES, RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY THE BOARD URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE, DEPARTMENTAL LEGISLATIVE REQUESTS, AND PRIORITIES OF THE PROPERTY APPRAISER AND THE PUBLIC HEALTH TRUST

**WHEREAS**, the 2021 session of the Florida Legislature will begin on March 2, 2021; and

**WHEREAS**, committee meetings leading up to the 2021 session will begin the week of January 11, 2021; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 8, 2001, this Board approved Resolution No. R-232-01, which directs County staff and lobbyists to limit legislative initiatives and funding requests to those that have been approved by the Board, while allowing County staff and lobbyists to respond to issues that arise over the course of the legislative process, and support, oppose, or amend legislation moving through the legislative process in the County's best interest; and

**WHEREAS**, on January 24, 2012, this Board approved Resolution No. R-59-12, which directs the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs, when it presents the proposed federal or state legislative packages, respectively, to the Board, to include all “urging” resolutions and other resolutions related to federal or state legislation passed by the Board of County Commissioners to date for the current federal or state legislative session; and

**WHEREAS**, on September 17, 2013, this Board approved Resolution No. R-764-13, which directs that the federal and state legislative packages each be presented to the Board in two separate companion items, one consisting of no more than ten priorities for distribution to the Miami-Dade Legislative Delegation and the other to include guiding principles, Board “urging” resolutions enacted to date, and departmental items for approval by the Board; and

**WHEREAS**, Resolution No. R-764-13 also provides that, upon the priorities being approved and effective and after incorporating any amendments made by the Board, the Chair of the Board, or a County Commissioner designated by the Chair, shall transmit the priorities to the respective federal or state legislative delegation; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed 2021 state legislative package, including guiding principles, Board “urging” resolutions enacted through and including the December 7, 2020 Board meeting, departmental items, and priorities of the Property Appraiser and the Public Health Trust, is attached to this resolution and incorporated by reference,

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

**Section 1.** Approves the 2021 state legislative package, including guiding principles, resolutions urging the Florida Legislature adopted by the Board through and including the December 7, 2020 Board meeting, departmental legislative requests, and priorities of the Property Appraiser and the Public Health Trust, as set forth in the attached.

**Section 2.** Directs the County’s state lobbyists to advocate for the issues as set forth in the attached for the 2021 session.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Acting Chairwoman Rebeca Sosa. 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 15<sup>th</sup> 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.



Jess M. McCarty  
Nykeah L. Cohen  
Javier Zapata



## MIAMI-DADE COUNTY 2021 STATE LEGISLATIVE PACKAGE

### GUIDING PRINCIPLES

- **Home Rule and Preemption:** *SUPPORT* preservation of local home rule; *OPPOSE* any effort to preempt local authority.
- **State Funding, Cost Shifts and Unfunded Mandates:** *SUPPORT* preservation of existing state funding for County programs. *OPPOSE* any additional cost shifts or unfunded mandates from the state to the County, and any reductions in County revenue, revenue sharing, or funding from the state. *OPPOSE* any measure that would adversely affect County revenues, including measures affecting or relating to property taxes.
- **Protect Previous State Funding:** *SUPPORT* efforts to secure the same level of state funding for County programs as the previous year.
- **Promote Partnerships:** *SUPPORT* partnerships with the state, other counties, municipalities, statewide associations, and any other entity that would help create favorable outcomes for the County.



**MIAMI-DADE COUNTY  
2021 STATE LEGISLATIVE PACKAGE**

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS RESOLUTIONS**

**R-1270-19:** RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE MANAGED TOLL LANES, ALSO KNOWN AS EXPRESS LANES, ON STATE ROAD 826/PALMETTO EXPRESSWAY AND URGING THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO ELIMINATE THE MANAGED TOLL LANES AND TO RESTORE STATE ROAD 826 TO A TOLL-FREE EXPRESSWAY.

**R-157-20:** RESOLUTION URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO ENACT LEGISLATION THAT WOULD ALLOW LOCAL GOVERNMENTS TO MORE FULLY RECOVER COSTS INCURRED WITH RESPECT TO CIVIL AND CRIMINAL ANIMAL CRUELTY CASES.

**R-168-20:** RESOLUTION RENAMING THOSE PORTIONS OF OLD DIXIE HIGHWAY FROM SOUTHWEST 304TH STREET TO SOUTHWEST 146TH COURT, SOUTHWEST 232ND STREET TO SOUTHWEST 218TH STREET, AND SOUTHWEST 98TH STREET TO DATRAN BOULEVARD AS "HARRIET TUBMAN HIGHWAY"; RENAMING THAT PORTION OF WEST DIXIE HIGHWAY FROM NORTHEAST 163RD STREET TO NORTHEAST 215TH STREET AS "HARRIET TUBMAN HIGHWAY"; URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO RENAME THAT PORTION OF WEST DIXIE HIGHWAY/STATE ROAD 909 FROM NORTHEAST 119TH STREET TO NORTHEAST 163RD STREET AS "HARRIET TUBMAN HIGHWAY"; URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO RENAME THAT PORTION OF SOUTH DIXIE HIGHWAY/U.S. ROUTE 1/STATE ROAD 5 FROM THE MIAMI-DADE/MONROE COUNTY LINE TO STATE ROAD 9A/I-95 NORTHBOUND AS "HARRIET TUBMAN HIGHWAY"; URGING THE CITY OF HOMESTEAD TO RENAME THAT PORTION OF OLD DIXIE HIGHWAY FROM SOUTHWEST 312TH STREET TO SW 304TH STREET AS "HARRIET TUBMAN HIGHWAY"; APPROVING THESE RENAMINGS; AND URGING APPLICABLE MUNICIPALITIES TO JOIN IN APPROVAL OF THESE RENAMINGS.

**R-315-20:** RESOLUTION URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE AND GOVERNOR RON DESANTIS TO PROVIDE EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE FOR FLORIDA

HOSPITALITY WORKERS IMPACTED BY HOTEL, RESTAURANT AND OTHER CLOSURES RELATED TO CORONAVIRUS 2019 (COVID-19) BY PROVIDING EMERGENCY SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM BENEFITS AND ASSISTANCE WITH QUALIFYING FOR AND RECEIVING UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS.

**R-316-20:** RESOLUTION URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE AND GOVERNOR RON DESANTIS TO (1) ESTABLISH A STATEWIDE PANDEMIC PREPAREDNESS PLAN TO COORDINATE ACTIONS TO COMBAT THE SPREAD OF CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID-19) AND ANY FUTURE POTENTIAL PANDEMICS, AND (2) MAKE SUCH PLAN ALL-ENCOMPASSING TO INCLUDE ALL REGIONS IN THE STATE, AS WELL AS COUNTIES, CITIES AND STATE-LICENSED HOSPITALS AND OTHER HEALTH CARE FACILITIES.

**R-318-20:** RESOLUTION URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO APPROVE MEDICAID EXPANSION FOR CERTAIN QUALIFIED ADULTS UNDER THE AGE OF 65 IN AN EFFORT TO ADDRESS THE PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY CAUSED BY CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID-19).

**R-326-20:** RESOLUTION URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO ENACT LEGISLATION PROHIBITING PAYDAY LENDERS THAT UTILIZE “RENT-A-BANK” PRACTICES FROM DOING BUSINESS IN THE STATE; AND URGING THE FLORIDA OFFICE OF FINANCIAL REGULATION TO STRICTLY ENFORCE EXISTING PAYDAY LENDING REGULATIONS, IN LIGHT OF THE LIKELY INCREASED DEMAND FOR PAYDAY LOANS RESULTING FROM THE ECONOMIC IMPACT OF THE CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID-19) PANDEMIC.

**R-337-20:** RESOLUTION URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE AND THE FLORIDA AGENCY FOR HEALTH CARE ADMINISTRATION TO REQUIRE PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT FOR HOME HEALTH WORKERS FOLLOWING THE SPREAD OF CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID-19).

**R-421-20:** RESOLUTION DIRECTING COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR’S DESIGNEE TO SEND THE HOUSEHOLDS OF ALL REGISTERED MIAMI-DADE COUNTY VOTERS WHO HAVE NOT REQUESTED A VOTE-BY-MAIL BALLOT FOR THE 2020 PRIMARY AND GENERAL ELECTIONS A VOTE-BY-MAIL BALLOT REQUEST FORM, DIRECTIONS ON REQUESTING A VOTE-BY-MAIL BALLOT AND DIRECTIONS ON UPDATING A VOTER’S SIGNATURE; AND MAKE VOTE-BY-MAIL BALLOT REQUEST FORMS AND INFORMATION ON REQUESTING A VOTE-BY-MAIL BALLOT AND UPDATING A VOTER’S SIGNATURE AVAILABLE AT LIBRARIES AND PARKS; AND URGING GOVERNOR RON DESANTIS AND THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO ADOPT THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE FLORIDA



ASSOCIATION OF SUPERVISORS OF ELECTIONS AS THEY RELATE TO VOTE-BY-MAIL BALLOTS AS A RESULT OF THE CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID-19) PANDEMIC.

**R-424-20:** RESOLUTION URGING THE FLORIDA GOVERNOR TO ISSUE AN EXECUTIVE ORDER, AND URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO ENACT SIMILAR LEGISLATION, EXTENDING THE EARLIEST DATE SET FORTH IN EXECUTIVE ORDER 20-88 UPON WHICH ESSENTIAL PERSONNEL MUST HAVE RETIRED TO BE RE-EMPLOYED IN RESPONSE TO THE CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID-19) STATE OF EMERGENCY, AND ENLARGING THE RE-EMPLOYMENT PERIOD FOR SUCH PERSONNEL; REQUESTING THE COUNTY MAYOR TO COMMUNICATE WITH THE GOVERNOR TO REQUEST THE CHANGES URGED IN THIS RESOLUTION.

**R-439-20:** RESOLUTION URGING THE GOVERNOR TO ISSUE AN EMERGENCY ORDER DIRECTING AN ADDITIONAL 45-DAY MORATORIUM ON ALL RESIDENTIAL EVICTIONS IN THE STATE OF FLORIDA AND SUSPENSION OF THE COLLECTION OF LATE FEES BY LANDLORDS DURING THE STATE OF EMERGENCY RELATED TO CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID-19); AND URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO ENACT LEGISLATION THAT WOULD LIMIT LATE FEES ON RESIDENTIAL TENANCIES.

**R-442-20:** RESOLUTION URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO ENACT LEGISLATION AUTHORIZING A LOCAL GOVERNING BODY TO CONDUCT MEETINGS BY MEANS OF COMMUNICATIONS MEDIA TECHNOLOGY DURING A DECLARED STATE OR LOCAL EMERGENCY THAT DIRECTLY AFFECTS THE PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY, OR WELFARE OF THE LOCAL JURISDICTION, SUCH AS CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID-19).

**R-444-20:** RESOLUTION URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS AND THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION TO INCLUDE RACE, ETHNICITY, AND OTHER DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION IN PUBLICLY RELEASED DATA PERTAINING TO INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE TESTED POSITIVE FOR CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID-19); AND URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE AND THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO PROVIDE SUCH DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION IN PUBLICLY RELEASED DATA AT THE STATE LEVEL.

**R-447-20:** RESOLUTION URGING THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO REVIEW, ANALYZE AND IMPLEMENT APPROPRIATE INCREASED SAFETY MEASURES ON THE PORTION OF SOUTHWEST 8TH STREET BETWEEN SOUTHWEST 42ND AVENUE AND SOUTHWEST 57TH AVENUE, IN

COLLABORATION WITH APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS AND REPRESENTATIVES OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY AND THE CITY OF MIAMI, AND SUPPORTING CITY OF MIAMI RESOLUTION NO. R-20-0016 DIRECTING CITY MANAGER TO MEET WITH FDOT IN FURTHERANCE OF SUCH ADDITIONAL SAFETY MEASURES.

**R-451-20:** RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE PUBLIC HEALTH TRUST PROVIDE VIDEO COMMUNICATION SERVICES BETWEEN PATIENTS AND FAMILY MEMBERS ANY TIME THAT IN-PERSON VISITATION IS LIMITED AS A RESULT OF THE CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID-19) PANDEMIC OR ANY FUTURE EMERGENCY; URGING ALL HOSPITALS OPERATING IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY TO PROVIDE VIDEO COMMUNICATION SERVICES BETWEEN PATIENTS AND FAMILY MEMBERS UNDER SUCH CIRCUMSTANCES; AND URGING THE FLORIDA GOVERNOR, LEGISLATURE AND AGENCY FOR HEALTH CARE ADMINISTRATION TO REQUIRE ALL HOSPITALS IN THE STATE TO PROVIDE VIDEO COMMUNICATION SERVICES UNDER SUCH CIRCUMSTANCES.

**R-515-20:** RESOLUTION SUPPORTING GOVERNOR RON DESANTIS AND SECRETARY OF STATE LAUREL M. LEE'S REQUEST FOR 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).

**R-517-20:** RESOLUTION URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO REVISE THE REQUIREMENT OF FLORIDA LAW THAT REQUIRES NO LESS THAN 35 PERCENT OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING SURTAX REVENUES BE USED TO PROVIDE HOMEOWNERSHIP ASSISTANCE AND REDUCE THE REQUIREMENT TO NO LESS THAN 25 PERCENT.

**R-522-20:** RESOLUTION URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE AND GOVERNOR RON DESANTIS TO REQUIRE ALL NURSING HOMES AND ASSISTED LIVING FACILITIES THAT ARE LICENSED TO OPERATE IN FLORIDA TO: (1) CONDUCT REGULAR AND FREQUENT TESTING OF ALL HEALTHCARE PERSONNEL AND RESIDENTS OF SUCH FACILITIES FOR CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID-19); (2) PROVIDE PAID SICK LEAVE FOR ALL HEALTHCARE PERSONNEL OF SUCH FACILITIES WHO TEST POSITIVE FOR COVID-19; AND (3) PROVIDE ALL HEALTHCARE PERSONNEL OF SUCH FACILITIES WITH SUFFICIENT PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT TO SAFELY WORK AND CARE FOR THEIR PATIENTS.

**R-556-20:** RESOLUTION URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO APPROPRIATE FUNDING FOR THE MIAMI RIVER COMMISSION.

**R-561-20** RESOLUTION URGING THE SOUTH FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT (SFWMD) TO TAKE IMMEDIATE ACTION TO ADDRESS THE FLOODING DISASTER THAT TOOK PLACE IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY OVER THE PAST TWO WEEKS AND TO IMMEDIATELY ISSUE A REPORT THAT EXPLAINS IN DETAIL THE ACTIONS THAT THE SFWMD TOOK IN ANTICIPATION OF THE FLOODING DISASTER.

**R-562-20** RESOLUTION URGING THE GOVERNOR TO: (1) REQUIRE THAT ALL DEATHS POTENTIALLY CAUSED BY CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID-19) BE EXHAUSTIVELY INVESTIGATED TO DETERMINE THE CAUSE, SOURCE, LOCATION AND OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES OF COVID-19 TRANSMISSION; (2) RAPIDLY ADDRESS THE SOURCES OF TRANSMISSION TO PREVENT FURTHER INFECTIONS OR DEATHS CAUSED BY COVID-19; AND (3) TO PROVIDE AVAILABLE INFORMATION TO THE IMMEDIATE FAMILY MEMBERS OF THE DECEDENT.

**R-585-20** RESOLUTION URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO ENACT LEGISLATION THAT WOULD IMPOSE STRICTER PENALTIES ON LANDLORDS WHO ENGAGE IN CONSTRUCTIVE EVICTIONS, SUCH AS ILLEGAL LOCKOUTS AND UTILITY SHUTOFFS.

**R-679-20** RESOLUTION URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO ENACT LEGISLATION TO PROVIDE FOR A NO OR LOW COST ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION AND EDUCATION PROGRAM OUTSIDE OF COURT RESIDENTIAL EVICTION PROCEEDINGS FOR LANDLORDS AND TENANTS TO RESOLVE DISAGREEMENTS THAT ARE A RESULT OF FINANCIAL OR OTHER HARDSHIPS CAUSED BY CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID-19) AND OTHER EMERGENCIES THAT RESULT IN EXTENDED STATES OF EMERGENCY.

**R-755-20** RESOLUTION SUPPORTING ADDITIONAL FEDERAL AND STATE EMERGENCY FUNDING RELIEF FOR THE PUBLIC HEALTH TRUST OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, DURING THE CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID-19) PANDEMIC, AND URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS AND THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO ENACT LEGISLATION OR TAKE ANY NECESSARY ACTION TO IDENTIFY SUCH ADDITIONAL EMERGENCY FUNDING RELIEF.

**R-772-20** RESOLUTION URGING GOVERNOR RON DESANTIS AND EDUCATION COMMISSIONER RICHARD CORCORAN TO ALLOW K-12 SCHOOLS TO OPEN FOR DISTANCE LEARNING ONLY DURING THE 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR DUE TO CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID-19) UNTIL SUCH TIME AS LOCAL

SUPERINTENDENTS DETERMINE IT IS SAFE FOR STUDENTS, STAFF, AND TEACHERS TO RETURN TO IN-PERSON INSTRUCTION.

**R-774-20** RESOLUTION URGING THE FLORIDA GOVERNOR TO ISSUE AN EXECUTIVE ORDER, AND URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO ENACT LEGISLATION, PROVIDING RELIEF TO RESIDENTS STRUGGLING TO PAY THEIR PROPERTY TAXES IN THE WAKE OF CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID-19) AND THE RESULTING ECONOMIC IMPACTS, SUCH AS DELAYING THE PAYMENT OF PROPERTY TAXES, ALLOWING RESIDENTS TO PAY THEIR PROPERTY TAXES IN INSTALLMENTS, OR WAIVING PAYMENT OF PENALTIES.

**R-782-20:** RESOLUTION URGING THE GOVERNOR, IN LIGHT OF THE CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 (“COVID-19”) PANDEMIC AND THE LIMITED AVAILABILITY OF FLORIDA HIGHWAY SAFETY AND MOTOR VEHICLES IN-OFFICE SERVICES, TO (1) TEMPORARILY SUSPEND DURING THE COVID-19 STATE OF EMERGENCY THE REQUIREMENT TO RENEW AN EXPIRING COMMERCIAL DRIVER’S LICENSE FOR PUBLIC TRANSIT BUS OPERATORS, PRIVATE AND PUBLIC SCHOOL BUS OPERATORS, AND ANY OTHER GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEE WHOSE JOB DUTIES REQUIRE A COMMERCIAL DRIVER’S LICENSE, TO ALLOW SAID INDIVIDUALS TO CONTINUE TO PROVIDE SERVICES TO OUR COMMUNITIES DURING THIS PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY, AND (2) TO THE EXTENT LEGALLY PERMISSIBLE, TO TAKE NECESSARY STEPS TO ALLOW FOR ONLINE OR VIRTUAL RENEWAL OF COMMERCIAL DRIVER’S LICENSES AFTER THE RESOLUTION OF THE CURRENT STATE OF EMERGENCY.

**R-881-20** RESOLUTION URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS AND THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO PROVIDE FUNDING TO ASSIST LOCAL COMMUNITIES WITH ELIMINATING SEPTIC SYSTEMS AND CONVERTING TO SEWER SYSTEM CONNECTIONS; PRELIMINARILY IDENTIFYING THIS ISSUE AS A 2021 FEDERAL AND STATE LEGISLATIVE PRIORITY.

**R-884-20** 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.

**R-1037-20** RESOLUTION URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO EXPAND THE QUALIFYING IMPROVEMENTS THAT MAY BE FINANCED THROUGH PROPERTY ASSESSED CLEAN ENERGY (PACE) PROGRAMS TO INCLUDE THE RAISING OF ELECTRICAL BOXES AND HOME FOUNDATIONS AND IMPROVEMENTS TO

UNDERGROUND INFRASTRUCTURE OF HOMES TO PROMOTE GREATER RESILIENCY.

**R-1090-20** RESOLUTION URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO IMPLEMENT STRONGER PENALTIES FOR ILLEGAL DUMPING UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES RELATING TO HURRICANES.

**R-1093-20** RESOLUTION URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO EXPAND THE QUALIFYING IMPROVEMENTS THAT MAY BE FINANCED THROUGH PROPERTY ASSESSED CLEAN ENERGY (PACE) PROGRAMS TO INCLUDE CONVERSION FROM SEPTIC TANKS TO SEWER SYSTEMS AND OTHER SEWAGE TREATMENT IMPROVEMENTS; PRELIMINARILY IDENTIFYING THIS ISSUE AS A STATE LEGISLATIVE PRIORITY FOR THE 2021 SESSION.

**R-1098-20** RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO TAKE NECESSARY MEASURES TO INCENTIVIZE INFLUENZA VACCINATIONS; URGING (1) THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE, GOVERNOR RON DESANTIS, AND THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO INCENTIVIZE INFLUENZA VACCINATION AND TO TAKE MEASURES TO ENSURE SUFFICIENT COUNTYWIDE SUPPLY OF INFLUENZA VACCINES FOR THE 2020-2021 INFLUENZA SEASON AND (2) THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY TO INCENTIVIZE INFLUENZA VACCINATION, TO ASSIST AND SUPPORT THE COUNTY'S ONGOING RESPONSE TO THE CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID-19) PANDEMIC.

**R-1108-20** RESOLUTION URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO ENACT LEGISLATION FACILITATING, INCENTIVIZING, AND ENABLING THE USE OF RECLAIMED WATER BY ELECTRIC UTILITIES IN FLORIDA.

**R-1217-20:** RESOLUTION URGING THE FLORIDA GOVERNOR TO AUTHORIZE A LOCAL GOVERNING BODY TO CONDUCT MEETINGS BY MEANS OF COMMUNICATIONS MEDIA TECHNOLOGY DURING A DECLARED STATE OR LOCAL EMERGENCY RELATED TO CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID-19).

**R-1233-20:** RESOLUTION URGING THE FLORIDA GOVERNOR TO ISSUE AN EXECUTIVE ORDER, AND URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO ENACT LEGISLATION, PROVIDING RELIEF IN THE WAKE OF CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID-19) TO PROPERTY OWNERS STRUGGLING TO PAY THEIR PROPERTY TAXES, SUCH AS EXTENDING THE PROPERTY TAX DISCOUNT PAYMENT PERIODS.



**MIAMI-DADE COUNTY  
2021 STATE LEGISLATIVE PACKAGE**

**DEPARTMENTAL REQUESTS BY POLICY AREA**

**Policy Area: Operations**

**Miami-Dade Aviation Department**

- **Funding of Capital Projects:** ***SUPPORT*** full funding of Aviation capital projects included in the Florida Department of Transportation's Five Year Work Program. ***OPPOSE*** any efforts to reduce or redirect funds in the Work Program.
- **Reduction or Elimination of Tax on Aircraft Sales and Leases:** ***SUPPORT*** efforts to reduce or eliminate state's sales tax on the sale or lease of all aircrafts in Florida.
- **Regulatory and Tax Fairness within Car Rental and Peer-to-Peer Car Sharing Industries:** ***SUPPORT*** legislation that provides uniformity for all car rental and peer-to-peer car sharing operators on car rental, airport regulations, fees, and taxes remitted, as well as prioritizing customer transparency and safety.
- **Concealed Weapon or Open Carry of Weapons in Airport Terminal:** ***OPPOSE*** legislation that alters the areas of an airport prohibiting persons from openly carrying a firearm or carrying a concealed firearm.
- **Aviation Fuel Taxes:** ***MONITOR*** any attempts to waive, reduce or suspend existing aviation fuel taxes on a local or statewide basis.

## PortMiami

- **Florida Port Council's Legislative Agenda:** *SUPPORT* the Florida Port Council's efforts in securing dedicated state and federal funding sources for Florida seaports. Additionally, ensure that PortMiami infrastructure projects are included in the Florida Department of Transportation's Five Year Work Program.
- **Maritime Policies:** *MONITOR* any COVID-19 legislative/appropriations relief bills, rules, regulations and statewide policies involving maritime issues, including, but not limited to, major transportation improvement projects as defined in the State Strategic Intermodal System as it relates to access to and from the Ports. Also, encourage the Florida Department of Transportation to work cooperatively with the PortMiami and others in the development of intermodal facilities, logistic centers and distribution centers to help accommodate the continued growth in cargo.
- **Perishable Initiative:** *SUPPORT* efforts to increase perishable shipments to PortMiami by working with State Department of Agriculture and port stakeholders to develop new protocols for their importation.

## Parks, Recreation, and Open Spaces

- **Ludlam Trail Corridor:** *SUPPORT* funding in the amount of \$5 million for construction of the Ludlam Trail.
- **Zoo Miami:** *SUPPORT* funding in the amount of \$1 million towards the expansion/renovation of the animal hospital and rehabilitation facilities to provide medical care to endangered wildlife during disasters such as hurricanes.
- **Seaweed Removal:** *SUPPORT* funding in the amount of \$1.2 million for seaweed removal and disposal. The total cost of the project is \$4 million.

## Regulatory and Economic Resources (RER Priorities)

- **Beach Erosion Control:** *SUPPORT* consistent and dedicated annual funding for statewide beach erosion control. (DERM)
- **Model Lands North Canal Everglades Wetlands Restoration Project:** *SUPPORT* funding in the amount of \$600,000 for the design, permitting and construction of a project to backfill the Model Lands North Canal and re-create wetlands destroyed by construction of this County canal. (DERM)

- **S-20 Collector Canal Everglades Wetlands Restoration Project: *SUPPORT*** funding in the amount of \$700,000 for the design, permitting and construction of a project to backfill the S-20 Collector Canal to re-create wetlands destroyed by construction of the canal and to disable two nearby culverts that impact regional Everglades hydrology. (DERM)
- **Septic to Sewer: *SUPPORT*** funding to address failing septic systems and convert compromised septic systems to centralized sewer infrastructure in order to protect public health and water quality. (DERM)
- **Signage for Agri-Tourism: *SUPPORT*** language that creates a statewide signage program for agri-tourism entities in order to increase the viability of local farmers. (AGRICULTURE)
- **Increase Viability of Local Agricultural Industry: *SUPPORT*** funding, programs, legislation and assistance to increase the viability of the local agricultural industry and mitigate any effects of invasive pests, diseases, freezes, flooding, windstorms and other potential damage to the industry. (AGRICULTURE)
- **State Screen Production Retention & Recovery Program: *SUPPORT*** language to create a new State Screen Production Retention & Economic Recovery program for the film and entertainment industry. (FILM)

*(Additional Requests)*

- **Laurel Wilt Disease: *SUPPORT*** funding in the amount of \$500,000 for the mitigation of Laurel Wilt Disease affecting Miami-Dade County's avocado industry. (AGRICULTURE)
- **16 County Ecosystem Summit: *SUPPORT* and *ADVOCATE*** for the state legislative priorities of the 16 County Ecosystem Summit associated with the health and welfare of the lakes, estuaries and riverine systems consisting of Lake Okeechobee, the St. Lucie and Caloosahatchee Estuaries, the Lake Worth Lagoon, and all bodies of water connected thereto. (DERM)
- **Southeast Florida Regional Climate Change Compact: *SUPPORT*** the Southeast Florida Regional Climate Change Compact's 2021 state climate, energy, and resilience legislative priorities and principles, as approved by the Climate Leadership Committee. (RESILIENCE)
- **Digital Submittals and E-Signatures: *SUPPORT*** language that allows for digital final plats and e-signature on final plats. (PLANNING)



- **Commercial Buildings Energy Tax Deduction:** *SUPPORT* the restoration of the benefit-sharing provisions under the Commercial Building Energy Tax Deduction 179d. (RESILIENCE)
- **Aggregated Whole-Building Data:** *ADVOCATE* for the Florida Public Service Commission to require all local utilities to collect aggregated whole-building data from Miami-Dade County and all local governments' largest buildings (20,000 square feet and above for government-owned buildings and 50,000 square feet and above for private sector buildings) and provide this data to building owners or managers and local government representatives. (RESILIENCE)
- **Net Metering:** *ADVOCATE* to maintain existing Net Metering policies for the development of mandatory standards establishing net metering practices for renewable energy generation. *OPPOSE* any actions policies weakening existing policies or practices. (RESILIENCE)
- **Comprehensive Plan Amendments:** *OPPOSE* any language that would preempt local governments from requiring a supermajority vote to amend comprehensive plans. (PLANNING)
- **Licensure Requirements:** *OPPOSE* efforts to deregulate or limit the County's ability to regulate businesses or professions or local regulatory contractor licensure requirements. (CONSUMER SERVICES)
- **Impact Fees:** *OPPOSE* language that would repeal or preempt local impact fee regulations. (PLANNING)
- **Agricultural Land Uses:** *OPPOSE* language promoting the conversion of agricultural land for urban uses or restricting local government review of such applications. (PLANNING)
- **Pre-existing Zoning Approvals:** *OPPOSE* language that would require Miami-Dade County or municipalities within to recognize pre-existing zoning approvals in the local government's comprehensive plan. (PLANNING)

## **Department of Solid Waste Management**

*(Legislative Requests)*

- **Waste-to-Energy:** *SUPPORT* language pertaining to renewable energy by expanding the definition of "customer-owned renewable generation" to allow government owned waste-to-energy facilities utilizing municipal solid waste as fuel to transmit the energy generated from the waste-to-energy facility to a site that is not adjacent to the facility.

- **Contamination of Recyclable Material:** *SUPPORT* the repeal of HB 73 passed during the 2020 session requiring counties and municipalities to address the contamination of recyclable material in contracts for the collection, transportation, and processing of residential recyclable material.
- **Renewable Energy:** *SUPPORT* language preserving the inclusion of waste-to-energy in applicable definitions of “renewable energy” and “green energy” and provide incentives and other support for the production of such renewable energy.
- **Recycling Goal Credits:** *MONITOR* language relating to sections 403.7032 and 366.91, Florida Statutes, which pertain to municipal solid waste utilized for the production of renewable energy counting toward Florida’s long-term recycling goal.
- **Shopping Cart Removal Fee:** *SUPPORT* language re-imposing an administrative fee to cover the cost of collection and storage of shopping carts removed from the public right-of-way.
- **Florida Litter Law:** *SUPPORT* legislation that amends the Florida Litter law to allow the clerk of the courts to add the name of a violator for failure to pay civil penalties to the Tax Collector under section 320.03, Florida Statutes.
- **Litter Control and Electronics Recycling:** *SUPPORT* legislation that would require equitable allocation of solid waste grants, utilizing a population-based methodology, for programs such as litter control and prevention and electronics recycling that are funded through the waste tire fee.
- **Florida Recycling Group:** *SUPPORT* legislation that creates the Florida Recycling Group to include local governments such as Miami-Dade County that manage their own recycling programs.
- **Volkswagen Grant Program:** *SUPPORT* language amending the Volkswagen grant program to include the purchase of public sector electric heavy equipment, such as waste collection and transfer vehicles, as eligible expenditures.
- **Equitable Allocation of Grants:** *SUPPORT* language that would require equitable allocation of solid waste grants, utilizing population-based methodology, for programs such as litter control and prevention and electronics recycling that are funded through the waste tire fee.
- **Local Government Compensate Displaced Private Waste Companies:** *OPPOSE* legislation that would require local governments to provide 3 years’ notice to a private waste hauler before it engages in the actual provision of waste collection services that displaces the company.
- **Heavy Fleet Purchase of a Fully Electric Automated Side Loading Garbage Truck and Charging Station:** *SUPPORT* funding in the amount \$560,000 for a fully electric

garbage truck to test the capabilities of the technology which include zero emissions, reduced noise, and the elimination of fuel leaks during transport.

- **Mosquito Control Larvicide Program:** *SUPPORT* funding in the amount of \$52,000 to manage and mitigate the mosquitos within the County, which is currently underserved.
- **Landfill Gradient System:** *SUPPORT* funding in the amount of \$300,000 for a Landfill Gradient System that will enable optimal compaction of the waste disposed at landfills. The global positioning system uses satellites and user interface to provide operators with a visual representation of the area that's being compacted and the number of passes each lift of waste has received. The reduction in passes will result in productivity efficiencies, lowering fuel consumption, operational costs, and wear and tear.
- **Landfill Alternative Daily Cover Application:** *SUPPORT* funding in the amount of \$285,000 for a landfill alternative daily cover applicator system.
- **Surveillance Cameras:** *SUPPORT* funding in the amount of \$75,000 for ten surveillance cameras to assist in the suppression of "hot spots" where illegal dumping activity is most problematic.

### **Department of Transportation and Public Works**

- **Allowable Uses in Transportation Facilities within Public Right-of-Way:** *SUPPORT* expanding the allowable uses within rights-of-way as defined by State statutes.
- **The Underline Trail:** *SUPPORT* state funding of the Underline which will connect neighborhoods by transforming a ten-mile stretch beneath the Metrorail system into a linear park.
- **Traffic Signal Emergency Power Systems:** *SUPPORT* funding to provide emergency back-up power to the critical intersections identified by Florida Department of Transportation and Miami-Dade County. The County needs approximately \$4.6 million to address 100 out of the 600 intersections identified by the Florida Department of Transportation. The total cost of the project is approximately \$34 million.
- **Transportation Infrastructure Project Funding:** *SUPPORT* legislation that provides opportunities for increased and alternative revenue sources for transportation infrastructure projects. DTPW wants to ensure that increased level of funding be allocated to public transportation projects. The County has approximately \$4.7 billion in unfunded capital projects.

- **Stormwater Pump Station Hardening:** *SUPPORT* funding in the amount of \$1.5 million to retrofit and upgrade two existing coastal storm water pump stations. The existing pump stations are susceptible to damage by storm surge, sea level rise and other hazards. The total cost of the project is approximately \$2.5 million.
- **Tamiami Trail Flyover Project:** *SUPPORT* funding in the amount of \$17.5 million for a new flyover bridge to provide access to the SR 836/Dolphin Expressway, which connects the two fast-growing west and southwest areas in Miami-Dade County to the airport and Downtown Miami. The total cost of the project is approximately \$35 million.
- **New South Dade Bus Maintenance Facility:** *SUPPORT* funding in the amount of \$28 million for Bus Service in South Dade, which is located almost 20 miles from the nearest Bus Maintenance Facility, requiring significant wear and tear on equipment as well as increased fuel and personnel expenses. The total cost of the project is \$56 million.
- **Miami-Dade County Sea Level Rise Hardening:** *SUPPORT* funding in the amount of \$332,000 for improvements consisting of sea level rise hardening of the roadway to help mitigate local tidal flooding produced by king tides and storm surge along NE 89th Street from NE 10 Court to North Bay Drive. The total cost of the project is approximately \$390,000.

### **Water and Sewer Department**

- **Statewide Water Supply and Environmental Remediation:** *SUPPORT* funding in the amount of \$40 million for statewide water supply and environmental remediation projects.
- **State Incentives for Utility Infrastructure Resiliency and Nutrient Management:** *SUPPORT* language that provides state incentives to address:
  1. Alternatives to septic tanks that may be contributing to water contamination are at risk from sea level rise;
  2. Extension of public water supplies to replace private wells threatened by ground water contamination and salt-water intrusion;
  3. Cost effective use of alternative water supplies appropriate to local conditions to meet drinking water, agricultural, industrial, and environmental water needs.

### **Policy Area: Community Services**

## Animal Services Department

- **Pet Adoption Records:** *SUPPORT* legislation to exempt animal adopter information from public record.
- **Animal Rescue Organizations:** *SUPPORT* legislation mandating animal rescue organizations sterilize dogs and cats prior to rehoming.

## Community Action and Human Services Department

- **Head Start and Early Head Start Match Funding:** *SUPPORT* funding of \$5 million to Head Start and Early Head Start Match Funding.
- **Senior Congregate Meals:** *SUPPORT* funding in the amount of \$2 million providing for nutritional sound meals to eligible seniors who are assessed as being in danger of malnutrition. The goal of the project is to reduce or delay the need for more expensive nursing home placement and to allow seniors a dignified opportunity to continue the aging process with stability and consistency. The total cost is \$2.5 million, which includes 10 percent required match for Older Americans Funding.
- **In-Home Care and Support Services Waitlist:** *SUPPORT* funding in the amount of \$2 million to provide in-home support services to elderly and young adults with disabilities who need assistance with daily living. The goal of the project is to reduce or delay the need for more expensive nursing home and/or assisted living placement, allowing both seniors and young adults with disabilities to continue to thrive. The total cost is \$2.25 million, which includes 10 percent required match for Older Americans Act Funding.
- **Increase Access to Opioid Treatment:** *SUPPORT* funding in the amount of \$1.24 million to serve Opioid Disorder Use clients. This allocation will provide for 14 beds and expand outpatient treatment for Opioid Use Disorder clients, reducing waitlists and delayed entry into the Drug Court Diversion and Treatment Program. This funding will also include three new counselors, treatment for an additional 120 clients, and provide 8,000 more screenings per year. The total cost is \$1.24 million.
- **Senior Housing Repair Program (SHARP):** *SUPPORT* funding in the amount of \$2 million for the SHARP, which includes home repairs and rehabilitation services provided to elderly homeowners including electrical upgrades, HVAC upgrades, Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) upgrades, bathroom and kitchen upgrades, improved accessibility, roof repairs or replacement, and flooring upgrades.

## Cultural Affairs Department

- **Cultural Affairs Grants: *SUPPORT*** legislation that would increase funding for statewide cultural affairs program grants.

### **Homeless Trust**

- **Housing First Mental Health Program: *SUPPORT*** funding in the amount of \$562,000. This provides Rapid Rehousing (RRH), a short- to medium-term rental assistance program which offers supportive services to permanently house severely mentally ill homeless persons with a history of arrest and frequent police interactions.
- **Funding for Challenge Grant and Continued Appropriations for Continuum of Care Lead Agency Staffing Grants: *SUPPORT*** statewide funding in the amount of \$3.2 million in Challenge Grants and \$3 million in Staffing Grants.
- **Revise the Florida Mental Health Act: *SUPPORT*** language that revises chapter 394, Florida Statutes, regarding Mental and Substance Abuse known as the Florida Mental Health Act.
- **Sadowski Act Affordable Housing Trust Fund: *SUPPORT*** allocating 100 percent of Affordable Housing Trust Fund Revenue for affordable housing, while focusing on the needs of extremely low income, homeless, and special needs households.

### **Public Housing and Community Development**

- **Sadowski Act Affordable Housing Trust Fund, State Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP): *SUPPORT*** increasing or maintaining the current funding level of SHIP funding for Miami-Dade County.

### **Library Department**

- **State Aid to Public Libraries: *SUPPORT*** increased funding for the State Aid to Libraries Program to an overall total of \$33 million.
- **Public Library Construction Grant Program: *SUPPORT*** full funding of all projects eligible for the Public Library Construction Grant Program in the amount of \$8.3 million.

### **Policy Area: Public Safety**

## Miami-Dade Police Department

- **Permissible Uses of Drones by Law Enforcement:** *SUPPORT* authorizing the use of drones for site assessment and management, allowing for the processing of crime and traffic scene evidence in instances where a crime or crash has been committed on public property.
- **Release of Information by Florida Department of Law Enforcement to Local Law Enforcement Relating to the Lawfulness of a Firearm Sale or Transfer:** *SUPPORT* authorizing the release of information to local law enforcement regarding a person's mental "defectiveness" with regard to the ability to possess and purchase firearms.

## Miami-Dade Fire Rescue Department

- **Medicaid Supplemental Payments:** *SUPPORT* funding in the amount of \$140 million for the continuation of Medicaid supplemental payments to public ambulance providers through the certified public expenditure and intergovernmental transfer programs.

## Policy Area: Finance

### Human Resources Department

- **Direct Deposit for Employees:** *SUPPORT* legislation to allow the County to mandate direct deposit of payroll and other employee reimbursements via the Automated Clearing House (ACH).

### Internal Services Department

- **Safety and Reliability for all Passenger Elevators:** *SUPPORT* the elimination of an exemption from periodic elevator inspections serving only two landings.
- **Beach Access:** *SUPPORT* amending state environmental prohibitions against permanent pathways across beaches (from west of sand dunes to high tide line) in order to provide beach access for people with disabilities.
- **Formulating Visitability Legislation:** *SUPPORT* legislation to enact visitability requirements within the State of Florida and build stakeholder buy-in.

- **State Taxes Imposed on Motor Fuel:** *SUPPORT* legislation that would amend section 206.41, Florida Statutes, to allow a tax exemption on fuel distributed between governmental agencies.

### **Office of Management and Budget**

- **Adjust Non-Ad Valorem Notice Requirement:** *SUPPORT* legislation allowing for the use of the County's website for all detailed information regarding non-ad valorem rate changes in lieu of newspaper postings as the sole means of general circulation. Allow the County to utilize newspaper advertisements for the main purpose of notifying residents about the hearing and refer them to the County's website for further details.





## 2021 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

- Promote legislation requiring property appraisers to consider restrictive covenants imposed by local governing bodies in its real property assessments.
- Advocate for amendments that provide tax savings for the most vulnerable taxpayers including widows, widowers, blind persons, and persons totally and permanently disabled.
- Support changes to the current Value Adjustment Board process that promote efficiency and create a more transparent process.
- Amend Florida law to allow property appraisers to waive penalties and interest when no intent to defraud is found.
- Add provisions that clarify the requirements for multiple building parcels as defined in section 193.027, Florida Statutes.

**RESOLUTION NO. PHT 10/2020 – 055**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING THE 2021 FEDERAL AND STATE LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH TRUST AND DIRECTING THE PRESIDENT, OR HIS DESIGNEE, TO SUBMIT THE LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES TO MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, THROUGH THE OFFICE OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS, FOR INCLUSION IN THE COUNTY'S PROPOSED 2021 FEDERAL AND STATE LEGISLATIVE PACKAGE**

*(Carlos A. Migoya, President and Chief Executive Officer, Jackson Health System)*

WHEREAS, the Public Health Trust (the "Trust") recognizes the need to establish its Federal and State legislative priorities; and

WHEREAS, upon adoption, the Trust is required to submit its Federal and State legislative priorities to Miami-Dade County, through the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs, for inclusion in the County's Proposed 2021 Federal and State Legislative Package; and

WHEREAS, the list of the Trust's Federal and State Legislative Priorities is attached hereto and made a part hereof and requires approval of the Public Health Trust; and

WHEREAS, the President and Chief Executive Officer recommends approval of the attached priorities and of submission thereof to the County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PUBLIC HEALTH TRUST OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that this Board hereby approves the Public Health Trust's 2021 Federal and State Legislative Priorities, which is attached hereto and made a part hereof, and declares it to be an official action of the Public Health Trust, and provided further that the President, or his designee, is directed to submit the 2021 Federal and State Legislative Priorities to Miami-Dade County, through the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs, for inclusion in the County's Proposed 2021 Federal and State Legislative Package.

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The foregoing resolution was offered by Antonio L. Argiz and the motion was seconded by Walter T. Richardson as follows

Antonio L. Argiz	Aye
Nicholas X Duran	Aye
William J. Heffernan	Aye
Amadeo Lopez-Castro, III	Aye
Laurie Weiss Nuell	Aye
Walter T. Richardson	Aye
Carmen M. Sabater	Absent

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution as duly passed and adopted this 27<sup>th</sup> day of October 2020.

**PUBLIC HEALTH TRUST OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA**

BY:   
Laurie Weiss Nuell, Secretary

Approved by the Miami-Dade County Attorney's Office as to form  
and legal sufficiency 

**TO:** William J. Heffernan, Chairman  
and Members, Public Health Trust Board of Trustees

**FROM:** Carlos A. Migoya  
President and Chief Executive Officer

**DATE:** October 27, 2020

**RE:** 2021 Federal & State Legislative Priorities

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**Recommendation**

Staff recommends that the Public Health Trust Board of Trustees approve the 2021 Federal & State Legislative Priorities.

**Scope**

The legislative priorities encompass the major issues likely to impact Jackson Health System during the 2021 session of the Florida Legislature and during ongoing legislative and regulatory activity in Washington, DC. The priorities will be incorporated into Miami-Dade County's proposed 2021 Federal & State Legislative Package.

**Fiscal Impact/Funding Source**

There is no fiscal impact to setting the Trust's legislative priorities. Policy and funding changes made by the Legislature in reflection of these priorities can have a significant impact on the health system.

**Track Record/Monitor**

Chief of Staff to the President Esther Caravia and Associate Vice President of Government Affairs Nathan Ray will monitor the advancement of these priorities throughout the year.

**Background**

The 2021 Federal & State Legislative Priorities are being presented to the Strategy and Growth Committee for approval, followed by final Board approval and inclusion in the Miami-Dade County Proposed 2021 Federal & State Legislative Package.

The specific priorities recommended for 2021 are attached.

# 2021 Legislative Priorities

## FEDERAL PRIORITIES

- Advocate for Florida's fair share of the Federal CARES Act funding and any future provider relief funding.
- Advocate for HHS to renew the Federal Enhanced Medicaid (FMAP) for 2021
- Defend any changes to the Federal 340B drug discount program that would limit hospital and patient eligibility.
- Monitor and oppose any attempts to reduce Medicaid Disproportionate Share Hospital (DSH) funding.
- Monitor and oppose any proposed rules that could have a detrimental impact on the organization.

## STATE PRIORITIES

- Monitor policy changes related to the Covid-19 pandemic.
- Advocate for appropriations to mitigate losses created by a dwindling supplemental payment system that continues to erode financial support for treating uninsured and underinsured patients.
- Advocate to maximize Medicaid reimbursement for Graduate Medical Education
- Advocate for the Directed Payment Program which would allow us to draw down federal dollars to cover Medicaid shortfall.
- Monitor changes to reimbursement rates.
- Protect against further cuts in state-appropriated funding in light of the disproportionate losses felt by Florida's hospital industry.
- Maintain tort reform and sovereign immunity laws in their current form.
- Monitor hospital licensure standards.