

# MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(7)

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**TO:** Honorable Chairman Jose "Pepe" Diaz  
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

**DATE:** February 2, 2021

**FROM:** Geri Bonzon-Keenan  
Successor County Attorney

**SUBJECT:** Resolution supporting President  
Joseph Biden's executive order  
to reenter the United States into  
the Paris Climate Accord

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



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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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2-2-21

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

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING PRESIDENT JOSEPH BIDEN'S  
EXECUTIVE ORDER TO REENTER THE UNITED STATES  
INTO THE PARIS CLIMATE ACCORD

**WHEREAS**, the Paris Climate Accord, also known as the Paris Agreement, is an international agreement to take action to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and slow the rise in global temperatures; and

**WHEREAS**, the Paris Climate Accord is within the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change ("UNFCCC"), was negotiated by representatives of 196 nations, and was adopted by consensus on December 12, 2015; and

**WHEREAS**, as of December 2020, all 197 members of the UNFCCC have signed the Paris Climate Accord, and 189 members remain party to the agreement; and

**WHEREAS**, the long-term temperature goal of the Paris Climate Accord is to keep the increase in global average temperature to well below 3.6 °F above pre-industrial levels, while pursuing means to limit the increase to 2.7 °F; and

**WHEREAS**, the Paris Climate Accord provides a pathway for developed nations to assist developing nations in their climate mitigation and adaptation efforts, and it creates a framework for the transparent reporting of countries' individual and collective climate goals; and

**WHEREAS**, fostering cooperation among countries on climate change issues is essential to addressing such issues of global importance; and

**WHEREAS**, on November 4, 2019, the United States submitted formal notification of its withdrawal from the Paris Climate Accord to the United Nations, and the withdrawal took effect one year later; and

**WHEREAS**, on January 20, 2021, President Joseph Biden signed an executive order to reenter the United States into the Paris Climate Accord; and

**WHEREAS**, Miami-Dade County (the “County”) has a history of supporting policies to reduce greenhouse gas emissions; and

**WHEREAS**, for example, on December 14, 1993, this Board unanimously approved a plan entitled “A Long Term CO2 Emissions Reduction Plan for Miami-Dade County,” which calls for various goals to reduce carbon dioxide emissions associated with County operations; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Resolution No. R-1431-08, the County became a signatory to the National Association of Counties’ “Cool Counties Climate Stabilization Declaration,” and pledged to reduce countywide carbon dioxide emissions by 80 percent by 2050; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2010, the County released its long-term sustainability plan entitled “GreenPrint: Our Design for a Sustainable Future,” which provides a plan for making County government operations more “green” and improving the overall sustainability of the County; and

**WHEREAS**, on June 20, 2017, this Board adopted Resolution No. R-646-17, which expressed support for the Paris Climate Accord and expressed an intent to symbolically join with other local governments to adopt, honor, and uphold the commitments to the goals enshrined in the Paris Climate Accord; and

**WHEREAS**, this Board wishes to support the reentry of the United States into the Paris Climate Accord,

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

**Section 1.** Supports President Joseph Biden’s executive order to reenter the United States into the Paris Climate Accord.

**Section 2.** Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit certified copies of this resolution to United States President Joseph Biden and the members of the Florida Congressional Delegation.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner 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:

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

The Chairperson thereupon declared this resolution duly passed and adopted this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of February, 2021. 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.



Cristina M. Rabionet