

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(10)

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

DATE: February 17, 2021

FROM: Geri Bonzon-Keenan
Successor County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution supporting Senate Bill 860, House Bill 501, or similar legislation which would direct the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to develop a Biscayne Bay license plate in order to raise funds for Biscayne Bay conservation efforts

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



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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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2-17-21

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING SENATE BILL 860, HOUSE BILL 501, OR SIMILAR LEGISLATION WHICH WOULD DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAY SAFETY AND MOTOR VEHICLES TO DEVELOP A BISCAYNE BAY LICENSE PLATE IN ORDER TO RAISE FUNDS FOR BISCAYNE BAY CONSERVATION EFFORTS

WHEREAS, Biscayne Bay is an iconic natural feature of Miami-Dade County, and residents and visitors alike enjoy Biscayne Bay for its recreational opportunities as well as its beauty; and

WHEREAS, Biscayne Bay attracts tourists to Miami-Dade County from across the United States and around the world, thus adding to our local economy; and

WHEREAS, Biscayne Bay directly supports employment and local businesses in areas such as boating, fishing, and other recreational activities; and

WHEREAS, Biscayne Bay needs to be maintained in a healthy state in order to continue to attract tourists and to maintain the employment and local businesses that may depend on Biscayne Bay; and

WHEREAS, a specialty Biscayne Bay license plate would be a way to raise funds for Biscayne Bay conservation efforts; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill (SB) 860 and House Bill (HB) 501 have been filed by Senator Ileana Garcia (R – Miami) and Representative Nicholas X. Duran (D – Miami), respectively, for consideration during the Florida Legislature’s 2021 session; and

WHEREAS, these bills would direct the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to develop a Biscayne Bay license plate with the words “Protect Biscayne Bay” at the bottom of the plate; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the bills, the annual fees from the sale of this Biscayne Bay license plate would be distributed to The Miami Foundation, a Florida nonprofit; and

WHEREAS, the bills provide that The Miami Foundation could use up to 10 percent of the fees for “promotion and marketing of the license plate and for direct reimbursement for administrative costs, startup costs, and costs incurred in the development and approval process of the license plate”; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to SB 860 and HB 501, all remaining fees from the sale of the Biscayne Bay license plate shall be used by The Miami Foundation to “raise awareness and support the mission and efforts of conserving Biscayne Bay”; and

WHEREAS, the funds raised by such a Biscayne Bay license plate would benefit Biscayne Bay by providing funding to The Miami Foundation for conservation purposes; and

WHEREAS, this Board wishes to urge the Florida Legislature to adopt SB 860, HB 501, or similar legislation which would direct the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to develop a Biscayne Bay license plate in order to raise funds for Biscayne Bay conservation efforts,

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

Section 1. Supports Senate Bill 860, House Bill 501, or similar legislation which would direct the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to develop a Biscayne Bay license plate in order to raise funds for Biscayne Bay conservation efforts.

Section 2. Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the Governor, the Senate President, the House Speaker, Senator Ileana Garcia, Representative Nicholas X. Duran, and the Chair and Members of the Miami-Dade State Legislative Delegation.

Section 3. Directs the County's state lobbyists to advocate for the legislation described in section 1 above and authorizes and directs the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs to amend the 2021 State Legislative Package to include this item.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Eileen Higgins. 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 17th 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.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'RC', written over a horizontal line.

Ryan Carlin
Abbie Schwaderer Raurell