

**MEMORANDUM**

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(22)

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**TO:** Honorable Chairman Jean Monestime  
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

**DATE:** January 21, 2015

**FROM:** R. A. Cuevas, Jr.  
County Attorney

**SUBJECT:** Resolution urging the Florida  
Legislature to continue to  
support and provide a  
dedicated state funding source  
for beach renourishment  
projects; urging the Florida  
Legislature to increase the  
amount of state funding  
available to support  
beach renourishment

Resolution No. R-55-15

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The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Audrey M. Edmonson.

  
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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
- 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 \_\_\_\_\_, 3/5's \_\_\_\_\_, unanimous \_\_\_\_\_) 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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1-21-15

RESOLUTION NO. R-55-15

RESOLUTION URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO CONTINUE TO SUPPORT AND PROVIDE A DEDICATED STATE FUNDING SOURCE FOR BEACH RENOURISHMENT PROJECTS; URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO INCREASE THE AMOUNT OF STATE FUNDING AVAILABLE TO SUPPORT THE GROWING NUMBER OF STATEWIDE BEACH RENOURISHMENT PROJECTS IN ORDER TO PROTECT FLORIDA'S SHORELINES, BEACH TOURISM INDUSTRY, AND EROSION CONTROL CAPABILITIES

**WHEREAS**, 93.7 million out-of-state and international travelers visited Florida in 2013 infusing \$76.1 billion into Florida's economy; and

**WHEREAS**, Florida's beaches are a critical component of the tourism industry in communities across the state, providing revenue, recreational benefits, and aesthetic appeal; and

**WHEREAS**, the Florida Shore & Beach Preservation Association ("FSBPA") reports that the 2012 economic benefits of beach tourism in Florida totaled \$55.2 billion in sales and an additional \$900 million in sales tax paid by beach tourists; and

**WHEREAS**, more tourists visit Florida beaches than all U.S. theme parks and national parks combined; and

**WHEREAS**, Florida's beaches also provide critical erosion control and storm protection for billions of dollars of coastal development and infrastructure investment; and

**WHEREAS**, restored beaches as designed by the Army Corps of Engineers are intended to reduce property damages by 80% during a 100-year storm event; and

**WHEREAS**, 399 of Florida's 825 miles of sandy beaches are critically-eroded; and

**WHEREAS**, the Florida Legislature appropriated \$47.3 million for Florida's Beach Management Program for state fiscal year 2014-2015; and

**WHEREAS**, this amount funds just 44.6 percent of the total number of project requests submitted to the Florida Legislature; and

**WHEREAS**, the FSBPA reports that every dollar spent on beach preservation projects generates nearly \$48 in sales tax revenues; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 161.101, Florida Statutes, recognizes that beach erosion is a statewide problem addressed most efficiently by a state-initiated program of beach restoration and beach nourishment; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 161.101 directs the Florida Department of Environmental Protection to identify critically eroded beaches and authorizes state appropriations to pay up to 75 percent of the actual costs for projects dedicated to restoring and nourishing a critically eroded beach; and

**WHEREAS**, on November 4, 2014, Florida voters overwhelmingly approved Florida Constitutional Amendment 1, the Florida Water and Land Conservation Initiative, which authorizes no less than 33 percent of net revenues collected from the existing excise tax on real estate documents to be used to acquire, restore, and improve land and water areas throughout Florida; and

**WHEREAS**, the revenues collected pursuant to this amendment may be used to supplement Section 161.01 and to help finance the improvement and restoration of Florida's beaches and shorelines; and

**WHEREAS**, beaches provide significant economic benefits directly to Miami-Dade County by attracting tourists to our community; and

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**WHEREAS**, beaches must be maintained, preserved, and updated in order to continue to provide an economic impact, erosion control, and storm protection; and

**WHEREAS**, this Board has historically demonstrated a significant commitment to the preservation, nourishment, and upkeep of Miami-Dade County's beaches and shorelines,

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

**Section 1.** Urges the Florida Legislature to continue to support and provide a dedicated source of state funding for beach nourishment projects.

**Section 2.** Urges the Florida Legislature to increase the amount of state funding available to support the growing number of statewide beach nourishment projects in order to protect Florida's shorelines, beach tourism industry, and erosion control capabilities.

**Section 3.** Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the Governor, Senate President, House Speaker, the Chair and Members of the Miami-Dade State Legislative Delegation, the Secretary of the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, the Executive Director of the Florida Association of Counties, and the President of the Florida Shore & Beach Preservation Association.

**Section 4.** Directs the County's state lobbyists to advocate for the issues identified in sections 1 and 2 above, and authorizes and directs the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs to amend the 2015 State Legislative Package to include this item.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Audrey M. Edmonson.

It was offered by Commissioner **Esteban L. Bovo, Jr.**, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **Rebeca Sosa** and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

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|                      | Jean Monestime, Chairman            | <b>aye</b>                       |
|                      | Esteban L. Bovo, Jr., Vice Chairman | <b>aye</b>                       |
| Bruno A. Barreiro    | <b>aye</b>                          | Daniella Levine Cava <b>aye</b>  |
| Jose "Pepe" Diaz     | <b>aye</b>                          | Audrey M. Edmonson <b>absent</b> |
| Sally A. Heyman      | <b>absent</b>                       | Barbara J. Jordan <b>aye</b>     |
| Dennis C. Moss       | <b>aye</b>                          | Rebeca Sosa <b>aye</b>           |
| Sen. Javier D. Souto | <b>aye</b>                          | Xavier L. Suarez <b>aye</b>      |
| Juan C. Zapata       | <b>aye</b>                          |                                  |

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 21<sup>st</sup> day of January, 2015. 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: **Christopher Agrippa**  
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as  
to form and legal sufficiency.

Javier Zapata