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MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(18)

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

DATE: December 1, 2015

FROM: Abigail Price-Williams County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution directing the Mayor to apply for funds from the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, pursuant to the North American Wetlands Conservation Act, and earmark such funds for the purchase and acquisition of wetlands through the Miami-Dade County Environmentally Endangered Lands Program

Resolution No. R-1114-15

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Rebeca Sosa and Co-Sponsor Commissioner Sally A. Heyman.

Abigail Price-Williams
County Attorney

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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 ____, 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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RESOLUTION NO. R-1114-15

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE MAYOR OR MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO APPLY FOR FUNDS FROM THE UNITED STATES FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE, PURSUANT TO THE NORTH AMERICAN WETLANDS CONSERVATION ACT, AND EARMARK SUCH FUNDS FOR THE PURCHASE AND ACQUISITION OF WETLANDS THROUGH THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY ENVIRONMENTALLY ENDANGERED LANDS PROGRAM

WHEREAS, enacted in 1989, the North American Wetlands Conservation Act (NAWCA) authorizes funding for wetlands conservation projects to protect and manage wetland habitats for migratory birds and other wetland wildlife in the United States, Mexico, and Canada; and

WHEREAS, funding of NAWCA projects is administered by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service; and

WHEREAS, since its inception, more than 2,500 NAWCA projects have contributed to the conservation of more than 30 million acres of habitat across North America; and

WHEREAS, Florida currently has 31 NAWCA projects either completed or underway, which have conserved a total of 94,242 acres of wildlife habitat; and

WHEREAS, more than $11.5 million of NAWCA funds have been allocated to the 31 Florida projects; and

WHEREAS, every federal dollar under NAWCA must be matched by at least one dollar from non-federal sources; and

WHEREAS, the 31 Florida projects have stimulated partner contributions of more than $42.1 million, almost four times more than the $11.5 million in NAWCA federal funds; and

WHEREAS, two grant programs have been created under NAWCA, the United States Standard Grants Program and the United States Small Grants Program; and

WHEREAS, the 2015 application deadline for the United States Standard Grants Program has passed, but will reopen in 2016; and

WHEREAS, applications for the United States Small Grants Program are due by November 5, 2015 and will reopen in 2016; and

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County's Environmentally Endangered Lands (EEL) Program identifies, secures, and manages lands for preservation; and

WHEREAS, through the EEL Program, Miami-Dade County and its purchasing partners have protected and conserved more than 23,500 acres of land, with approximately 19,500 acres consisting of freshwater and coastal wetlands; and

WHEREAS, this Board would like the Mayor or Mayor's designee to apply for NAWCA funds in order to assist the EEL Program in its continued efforts of acquiring and conserving wetland habitats,

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

Section 1. Directs the Mayor or Mayor's designee to apply for funds from the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, pursuant to the North American Wetlands Conservation Act, and earmark such funds for the purchase and acquisition of wetlands through the Miami-Dade County Environmentally Endangered Lands Program.

Section 2. Directs the Mayor or Mayor's designee to provide a report to this Board within 90 days of the effective date of this resolution regarding plans for the conservation project and application process, and place the completed report on an agenda of the Board pursuant to Ordinance No. 14-65.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Rebeca Sosa and the Co-Sponsor is Commissioner Sally A. Heyman. It was offered by Commissioner **Sally A. Heyman**, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **José "Pepe" Diaz** and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Jean Monestime, Chairman **aye**
Esteban L. Bovo, Jr., Vice Chairman **absent**

Bruno A. Barreiro	**aye**	Daniella Levine Cava	**aye**
Jose "Pepe" Diaz	**aye**	Audrey M. Edmonson	**aye**
Sally A. Heyman	**aye**	Barbara J. Jordan	**aye**
Dennis C. Moss	**aye**	Rebeca Sosa	**aye**
Sen. Javier D. Souto	**aye**	Xavier L. Suarez	**aye**
Juan C. Zapata	**absent**		

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 1st day of December, 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. APP

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