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MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 14(A)(9)

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

DATE: October 20, 2015

FROM: Abigail Price-Williams County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution authorizing and directing the Mayor to immediately allow County employees to contribute leave time to the County's Emergency Disaster Relief Fund established by Resolution No. R-1071-05 for the purpose of donating the value of leave time to Hurricane Joaquin relief efforts; directing the Mayor to evaluate options and pursuant to Ordinance No. 14-65, provide a report to this Board with the Mayor's recommendation no later than November 3, 2015 and place the completed report on the agenda for the November 17, 2015 Board of County Commissioner's meeting where this Board intends to select the recipient(s)

Resolution No. R-956-15

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Dennis C. Moss.

Abigail Price-Williams
County Attorney

APW/cp

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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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RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR OR MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO IMMEDIATELY ALLOW COUNTY EMPLOYEES TO CONTRIBUTE LEAVE TIME TO THE COUNTY'S EMERGENCY DISASTER RELIEF FUND ESTABLISHED BY RESOLUTION NO. R-1071-05 FOR THE PURPOSE OF DONATING THE VALUE OF LEAVE TIME TO HURRICANE JOAQUIN RELIEF EFFORTS; DIRECTING THE MAYOR OR MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO EVALUATE OPTIONS AND PURSUANT TO ORDINANCE NO. 14-65, PROVIDE A REPORT TO THIS BOARD WITH THE MAYOR'S RECOMMENDATION NO LATER THAN NOVEMBER 3, 2015 AND PLACE THE COMPLETED REPORT ON THE AGENDA FOR THE NOVEMBER 17, 2015 BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S MEETING WHERE THIS BOARD INTENDS TO SELECT THE RECIPIENT(S)

WHEREAS, from September 27, 2015 through October 7, 2015, Hurricane Joaquin brought devastating weather conditions to parts of the Caribbean Sea and the Atlantic Ocean resulting in the loss of life and property; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the devastation wrought by Hurricane Joaquin, the Governor of the State of Florida and the government of the Commonwealth of the Bahamas issued emergency declarations; and

WHEREAS, in particular the Bahamas was impacted on October 1 and 2, 2015 with devastating weather from Hurricane Joaquin that destroyed approximately 85 percent of the homes on Crooked Island and a half dozen churches were severely damaged; other islands such as Acklins Island, Long Island and others also suffered tremendous damage; and

WHEREAS, residents of Miami-Dade County have family members, friends and business relationships with the Bahamas; and

WHEREAS, during our time of need after Hurricane Andrew, the Bahamian people mobilized as did others, in providing relief and assistance to desperate South Miami-Dade residents; and

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County has previously adopted resolutions to assist other communities devastated by natural disasters including communities in Texas, Louisiana, New Jersey, New York and the Caribbean, *e.g.* Resolution Nos. R-1031-07, R-972-08, R-1103-08, R-01-10, R-977-12; and

WHEREAS, to provide a mechanism for providing assistance to other communities, the Board of County Commissioners adopted Resolution No. R-1071-05 for the purpose of establishing an Emergency Disaster Relief Fund so that County employees could contribute earned annual and holiday leave time to benefit victims of natural disasters and in rebuilding communities affected by natural disasters; and

WHEREAS, generous County employees took advantage of the fund established by Resolution No. R-1071-05 and contributed their earned holiday and annual leave to the American Red Cross Hurricane Katrina relief fund, to victims of the Earthquake in Haiti in 2010, and to the victims of Hurricane Sandy in 2012,

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

Section 1. This Board hereby authorizes and directs the County Mayor or Mayor's designee to immediately allow the donation by County employees of earned annual and holiday leave time to the County's Emergency Disaster Relief Fund authorized by Resolution No. R-1071-05 for the purpose of donating the value of those annual and holiday leave hours up to a limit of $250,000.

Section 2. The County Mayor or Mayor's designee shall publicize and make available forms for employees to complete in order to authorize such earned annual and holiday leave contributions. The authorization forms to be distributed by the County Mayor or Mayor's designee shall include a statement that the Board of County Commissioners has approved contributions of earned annual and holiday leave time for the purpose of Hurricane Joaquin relief efforts.

Section 3. This Board directs the Mayor or Mayor's designee to evaluate options for the donation of the value accumulated in the County's Emergency Disaster Relief Fund for Hurricane Joaquin relief efforts to determine effective means for impacting the most hard-hit underserved communities ravaged by Hurricane Joaquin, and pursuant to Ordinance No. 14-65, the Mayor or Mayor's designee shall provide the report to this Board with the Mayor's recommendation no later than November 3, 2015 and shall place the completed report on the agenda for the November 17, 2015 Board of County Commissioner's meeting where the Board intends to select the recipient(s) of the County's Disaster Relief Fund for Hurricane Joaquin relief efforts.

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

Jean Monestime, Chairman	**aye**		
Esteban L. Bovo, Jr., Vice Chairman	**aye**		
Bruno A. Barreiro	**absent**	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	**absent**	Xavier L. Suarez	**aye**
Juan C. Zapata	**aye**		

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 20th day of October, 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.

Eric A. Rodriguez