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OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(31)

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

DATE: January 20, 2016

FROM: Abigail Price-Williams
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution urging the Federal Aviation Administration to hire, train and staff additional air traffic controllers at Miami International Airport

Resolution No. R-80-16

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

Abigail Price-Williams
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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-80-16

RESOLUTION URGING THE FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION TO HIRE, TRAIN AND STAFF ADDITIONAL AIR TRAFFIC CONTROLLERS AT MIAMI INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

WHEREAS, the Federal Aviation Administration ("FAA") hires, trains and staffs air traffic controllers at airports throughout the country; and

WHEREAS, more than 14,000 federal air traffic controllers in airport traffic control towers, terminal radar approach facilities and air route traffic control centers guide pilots through the system; and

WHEREAS, air traffic controllers provide air navigation services to aircraft in domestic airspace, including 24.6 million square miles of international oceanic airspace; and

WHEREAS, air traffic controller teams in airport towers and radar approach control facilities watch over all aircraft traveling through the terminal airspace, organize the flow of aircraft into and out of an airport, closely monitor each aircraft to ensure a safe distance between aircraft, guide pilots during takeoff and landing and keep pilots informed about changes in weather conditions; and

WHEREAS, in September 2014, the FAA issued a comprehensive workforce plan entitled, "A Plan for the Future: 10-year Strategy for the Air Traffic Control Workforce 2015-2024"; and

WHEREAS, according to the plan, in 2014 the FAA planned to hire 1,772 air traffic controllers to replace controllers lost to attrition, but only hired 1,178 air traffic controllers; and

WHEREAS, the FAA was unable to hire enough air traffic controllers to meet its demand due to budget cuts and past government shutdowns that closed the FAA's controller training academy for nine months, resulting in a delay of initial training for several classes of new air traffic controllers; and

WHEREAS, the National Air Traffic Controllers Association reports that air traffic control towers are understaffed and at their lowest staff in 27 years; and

WHEREAS, the FAA expects to lose almost 1,400 controllers due to retirements, promotions and other losses this fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, more air traffic controllers are needed to replace shortages from impending attrition in Miami-Dade County,

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

Section 1. Urges the Federal Aviation Administration to hire, train and staff additional air traffic controllers at Miami International Airport.

Section 2. Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit certified copies of this resolution to the members of the Florida Congressional Delegation and the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration.

Sections 3. Directs the County's federal lobbyists to advocate against the action set forth in Section 1 above, and authorizes and directs the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs to include this item in the 2016 Federal Legislative Package when it is presented to the Board.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Rebeca Sosa. It was offered by Commissioner **José "Pepe" Diaz**, 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	**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	**absent**	Xavier L. Suarez	**absent**
Juan C. Zapata	**aye**		

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 20th day of January, 2016. 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.

Suzanne Villano-Charif