

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(13)

TO: Honorable Chairman Esteban L. Bovo, Jr.
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

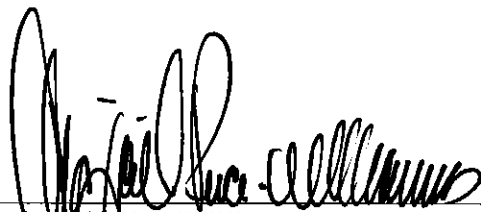
DATE: July 10, 2018

FROM: Abigail Price-Williams
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution urging the United States Congress to enact S. 1957, the Florida Gasoline Supply Reserve Act, or similar legislation that would require the United States Secretary of Energy to establish, maintain and operate a gasoline supply reserve within the State of Florida

Resolution No. R-739-18

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Jose "Pepe" Diaz.



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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

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Veto _____

7-10-18

Override _____

RESOLUTION NO. R-739-18

RESOLUTION URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO ENACT S. 1957, THE FLORIDA GASOLINE SUPPLY RESERVE ACT, OR SIMILAR LEGISLATION THAT WOULD REQUIRE THE UNITED STATES SECRETARY OF ENERGY TO ESTABLISH, MAINTAIN AND OPERATE A GASOLINE SUPPLY RESERVE WITHIN THE STATE OF FLORIDA

WHEREAS, in the days leading to Hurricane Irma making landfall, high demand for gasoline sparked major gas shortages throughout the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, approximately 60 percent of the gas stations in Miami, Ft. Lauderdale and Gainesville were without fuel and about 50 percent of the gas stations in Jacksonville, Tampa, West Palm Beach and Fort Myers were also left empty; and

WHEREAS, a shortage of this magnitude poses serious concerns; and

WHEREAS, Florida residents need gasoline to not only evacuate the entire state or local area where a storm is forecasted to hit but to also return after a storm strike; and

WHEREAS, Florida relies heavily on its ports to receive fuel shipments; however, ports are often closed in the wake of major storms, thus leading to fuel crises similar to the shortage residents experienced during Hurricane Irma; and

WHEREAS, a gasoline supply reserve within the State of Florida would ensure that residents and first responders have access to an emergency supply of fuel, assist in future recovery efforts and help prevent the shortages that may have kept some residents from evacuating; and

WHEREAS, on October 5, 2017, United States Senator Bill Nelson (D – FL) introduced a bill, Senate 1957 (“S. 1957”), titled the Florida Gasoline Supply Reserve Act, for consideration during the 115th United States Congress; and

WHEREAS, S. 1957 would, among other things:

- (1) require the United States Secretary of Energy to establish, maintain and operate a reserve of refined petroleum products, to be known as the Florida Gasoline Supply Reserve;
- (2) require that, to the extent possible, a supply reserve be located on the east coast of the state and another on the west coast of the state; and
- (3) require that the Florida Gasoline Supply Reserve contain a minimum of 1,000,000 barrels of refined petroleum products; and

WHEREAS, to avoid another gas shortage, this Board would like to urge the United States Congress to enact the Florida Gasoline Supply Reserve Act,

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

Section 1. Urges the United States Congress to enact S. 1957, the Florida Gasoline Supply Reserve Act, or similar legislation that would require the United States Secretary of Energy to establish, maintain and operate a gasoline supply reserve within the State of Florida.

Section 2. Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the President of the United States, to the Members of the Florida Congressional Delegation and to the United States Secretary of Energy.

Section 3. Directs the County's federal lobbyists to advocate for the legislation set forth in Section 1 above, and authorizes and directs the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs to include this item in the 2018 Federal Legislative Package when it is presented to the Board.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Jose "Pepe" Diaz. 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:

Esteban L. Bovo, Jr., Chairman	aye		
Audrey M. Edmonson, Vice Chairwoman	aye		
Daniella Levine Cava	aye	Jose "Pepe" Diaz	aye
Sally A. Heyman	aye	Eileen Higgins	aye
Barbara J. Jordan	aye	Joe A. Martinez	aye
Jean Monestime	aye	Dennis C. Moss	aye
Rebeca Sosa	aye	Sen. Javier D. Souto	aye
Xavier L. Suarez	absent		

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 10th day of July, 2018. 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.

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