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OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(2)

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

DATE: February 17, 2016

FROM: Abigail Price-Williams County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution supporting SB 1544 and HB 1223, or similar legislation that would create an interagency workgroup to share information, coordinate ongoing efforts, and collaborate on initiatives relating to weather events, including sea level change and flooding

Resolution No. R-166-16

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Daniella Levine Cava.

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-166-16

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING SB 1544 AND HB 1223, OR SIMILAR LEGISLATION THAT WOULD CREATE AN INTERAGENCY WORKGROUP TO SHARE INFORMATION, COORDINATE ONGOING EFFORTS, AND COLLABORATE ON INITIATIVES RELATING TO WEATHER EVENTS, INCLUDING SEA LEVEL CHANGE AND FLOODING

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 1544 ("SB 1544") and House Bill 1223 ("HB 1223") have been filed for consideration during the Florida Legislature's 2016 session by Senator Jeff Clemens (D – Lake Worth) and Representative Kristin Jacobs (D – Coconut Creek), respectively; and

WHEREAS, this legislation would create an interagency workgroup for the purpose of sharing information on the current and potential impacts of weather events throughout Florida, coordinating the ongoing efforts of state agencies in addressing the impacts of weather events, and collaborating on statewide initiatives to address the impacts of weather events; and

WHEREAS, among others, the interagency workgroup would consider weather events such as sea level change, flooding, high tides, storm surge, saltwater intrusion, stormwater runoff, extreme heat, drought, and wildfires; and

WHEREAS, the interagency workgroup would be comprised of representatives from each state executive department, each water management district, the Florida Public Service Commission, the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, the Florida Department of Military Affairs, the Florida Office of Insurance Regulation of the Financial Services Commission, the Florida Office of Financial Regulation of the Financial Services Commission, and the Florida Board of Governors of the State University System, with the director of the

Florida Division of Emergency Management, or the director's designee, serving as the liaison to, and coordinator of, the workgroup; and

WHEREAS, the interagency workgroup would be tasked with, among other things, preparing an annual report for submission to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives regarding the current initiatives of the workgroup in coordinating and developing efforts to address the current and potential impacts of weather events; and

WHEREAS, at a minimum, the interagency workgroup's annual report would be required to: (1) assess the relevance, level, and significance of current agency efforts to address the impacts of weather events; (2) create a uniform vulnerability assessment based on current scientific literature to identify and evaluate potential weather impacts that the agencies have not addressed; and (3) strategize and prioritize ongoing efforts to address the impacts of weather events; and

WHEREAS, sea level rise, flooding, and other extreme weather events are of particular concern to Miami-Dade County and its residents, given the County's close proximity to the coastline and low-lying topography, which make it potentially vulnerable to impacts from such events; and

WHEREAS, the interagency workgroup to be established by SB 1544 and HB 1223 would serve a valuable purpose and fulfill an important function to Miami-Dade County and its residents; and

WHEREAS, accordingly, this Board wishes to urge the Florida Legislature to enact such legislation,

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

Section 1. Supports SB 1544 and HB 1223, or similar legislation that would create an interagency workgroup to share information, coordinate ongoing efforts, and collaborate on initiatives relating to weather events, including sea level change and flooding.

Section 2. Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit certified copies of this resolution to the Governor, the Senate President, the House Speaker, Senator Jeff Clemens, Representative Kristin Jacobs, and the Chair and Members of the Miami-Dade State Legislative Delegation.

Section 3. Directs the County's state lobbyists to advocate for the legislation described in Section 1 above, and authorizes and directs the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs to amend the 2016 State Legislative Package to include this item, and to include this item in the 2017 State Legislative Package when it is presented to the Board.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Daniella Levine Cava. 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	**aye**	Daniella Levine Cava	**aye**
Jose "Pepe" Diaz	**absent**	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 17th day of February, 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.

James Eddie Kirtley