

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(13)

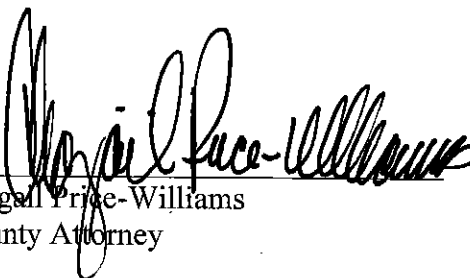
TO: Honorable Chairman Esteban L. Bovo, Jr.
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: June 5, 2018

FROM: Abigail Price-Williams
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution supporting S. 2783, the Coastal Communities Adaptation Act, or similar legislation pending before, or filed for consideration in, the 115th United States Congress that would provide financial assistance to local governments that need to upgrade their infrastructure to address climate change-related events, such as tidal flooding, beach erosion, or saltwater intrusion caused by sea level rise

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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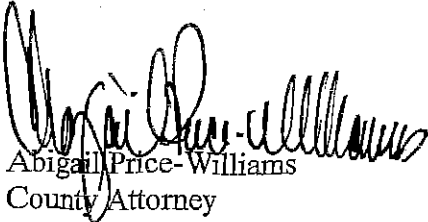


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Please note any items checked.

- "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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6-5-18

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING S. 2783, THE COASTAL COMMUNITIES ADAPTATION ACT, OR SIMILAR LEGISLATION PENDING BEFORE, OR FILED FOR CONSIDERATION IN, THE 115TH UNITED STATES CONGRESS THAT WOULD PROVIDE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS THAT NEED TO UPGRADE THEIR INFRASTRUCTURE TO ADDRESS CLIMATE CHANGE-RELATED EVENTS, SUCH AS TIDAL FLOODING, BEACH EROSION, OR SALTWATER INTRUSION CAUSED BY SEA LEVEL RISE

WHEREAS, South Florida is understood to be particularly vulnerable to the effects of sea level rise, due to the area's low elevation, vast coastline, and proximity to the ocean; and

WHEREAS, according to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), sea levels are projected to rise between 0.89 ft. and 2.89 ft. in coastal areas of Miami-Dade County by the year 2050; and

WHEREAS, communities in Miami-Dade County are consequently at the forefront of confronting the challenges presented by climate change and in developing solutions to protect our residents, property, and quality of life; and

WHEREAS, S. 2783, the Coastal Communities Adaptation Act, has been introduced in the 115th Congress by U.S. Senator Bill Nelson (D – Florida); and

WHEREAS, the Coastal Communities Adaptation Act would, among other things, make federal financing available to local communities to upgrade their infrastructure to address climate change-related events, such as tidal flooding, beach erosion, or saltwater intrusion caused by sea level rise; and

WHEREAS, such assistance would be made available to local communities through state-run revolving loan programs funded by NOAA; and

WHEREAS, in addition to providing financial assistance to local communities, the Coastal Communities Adaptation Act would also:

- call upon the National Science Foundation and the National Institute for Standards and Technology to conduct research and provide grants to improve local building codes to address extreme weather tied to climate change;
- create a competition, and award prizes, for new techniques developed to improve natural, nature-based, and nonstructural shoreline risk reduction measures; and
- direct NOAA to conduct a review of existing research on the use and effectiveness of natural, nature-based, and nonstructural approaches to reduce flood risk; and

WHEREAS, the financial assistance and other measures included in the Coastal Communities Adaptation Act would be beneficial to Miami-Dade County if enacted into law,

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

Section 1. Supports S. 2783, the Coastal Communities Adaptation Act, or similar legislation pending before, or filed for consideration in, the 115th United States Congress that would provide financial assistance to local governments that need to upgrade their infrastructure to address climate change-related events, such as tidal flooding, beach erosion, or saltwater intrusion caused by sea level rise.

Section 2. Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit certified copies of this resolution to U.S. Senator Bill Nelson, and the remaining members of the Florida Congressional Delegation.

Section 3. Directs the County’s federal lobbyists to advocate for the legislation described in Section 1 above, and directs the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs to amend the 2018 Federal Legislative Package to include this item.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Daniella Levine Cava. It was offered by Commissioner _____, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner _____ and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

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| Esteban L. Bovo, Jr., Chairman | |
| Audrey M. Edmonson, Vice Chairwoman | |
| Daniella Levine Cava | Jose "Pepe" Diaz |
| Sally A. Heyman | Barbara J. Jordan |
| Joe A. Martinez | Jean Monestime |
| Dennis C. Moss | Rebeca Sosa |
| Sen. Javier D. Souto | Xavier L. Suarez |
| District 5 - Vacant | |

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 5th day of June, 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: _____
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.



James Eddie Kirtley