

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(10)

TO: Honorable Chairwoman Audrey M. Edmonson
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: February 19, 2020

FROM: Abigail Price-Williams
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution urging the
United States Congress, the
United States Department of
Transportation, and the airline
industry to establish a national
screening policy for persons age
80 and older that would allow
them to clear security at airports
in a separate line, and allow early
airline boarding for such persons

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Senator Javier D. Souto.



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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 present ____, 2/3 membership ____, 3/5's ____, unanimous ____, CDMP 7 vote requirement per 2-116.1(3)(h) or (4)(c) ____, CDMP 2/3 vote requirement per 2-116.1(3)(h) or (4)(c) ____, or CDMP 9 vote requirement per 2-116.1(4)(c)(2) ____) 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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2-19-20

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS,
THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION,
AND THE AIRLINE INDUSTRY TO ESTABLISH A NATIONAL
SCREENING POLICY FOR PERSONS AGE 80 AND OLDER
THAT WOULD ALLOW THEM TO CLEAR SECURITY AT
AIRPORTS IN A SEPARATE LINE, AND ALLOW EARLY
AIRLINE BOARDING FOR SUCH PERSONS

WHEREAS, approximately 50 million seniors live in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the senior population will nearly double by 2060, according to the Population Reference Bureau; and

WHEREAS, according to the American Association of Retired Persons 2019 Boomer Travel Trends Report (AARP Report), baby boomers continue to be avid travelers, planning to take four or five trips last year; and

WHEREAS, the 2019 AARP Report found that approximately half (47 percent) expected to only travel domestically, while the other half (48 percent) planned to travel both domestically and internationally; and

WHEREAS, the primary mode of transportation for the majority of baby boomers was airplane, according to the study; and

WHEREAS, considering the health risks and issues with mobility that many seniors face, it is important to make specific accommodations to ease their travel experience; and

WHEREAS, indeed, some adjustments are already in effect; and

WHEREAS, the United States Transportation Security Administration adjusts their security screening methods for persons 75 or older having issues with standing and mobility; and

WHEREAS, considering the need for security measures to remain safe and effective as well as the need to assist our senior community, additional policies and procedures should be implemented to effectuate same; and

WHEREAS, seniors should be allowed to enter a separate line at security for more efficient and expedited screening and should be allowed early airline boarding,

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, the United States Department of Transportation, and the airline industry to establish a national screening policy for persons age 80 and older that would allow them to clear security at airports in a separate line, and allow early airline boarding for such persons.

Section 2. Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the members of the Florida Congressional Delegation and the Secretary of the United States Department of Transportation.

Section 3. Directs the County's federal lobbyists to advocate for the actions set forth in section 1 above, and authorizes and directs the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs to amend the 2020 Federal Legislative Package to include this item.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Senator Javier D. Souto. 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:

Audrey M. Edmonson, Chairwoman
Rebeca Sosa, Vice Chairwoman

Esteban L. Bovo, Jr.	Daniella Levine Cava
Jose "Pepe" Diaz	Sally A. Heyman
Eileen Higgins	Barbara J. Jordan
Joe A. Martincz	Jean Monestime
Dennis C. Moss	Sen. Javier D. Souto
Xavier L. Suarez	

The Chairperson thereupon declared this resolution duly passed and adopted this 19th day of February, 2020. 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.

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