

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(7)

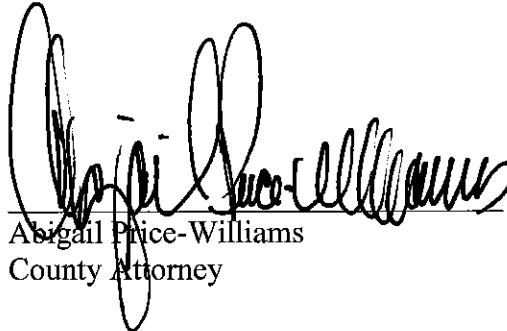
TO: Honorable Chairwoman Audrey M. Edmonson
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: February 19, 2020

FROM: Abigail Price-Williams
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution urging the Florida
Legislature to enact SB 1092, HB
487 or similar legislation that
would provide grants to enable
fire departments to procure
equipment and supplies designed
to mitigate exposure to hazardous
cancer-causing chemicals

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



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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 FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO ENACT SB 1092, HB 487 OR SIMILAR LEGISLATION THAT WOULD PROVIDE GRANTS TO ENABLE FIRE DEPARTMENTS TO PROCURE EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES DESIGNED TO MITIGATE EXPOSURE TO HAZARDOUS CANCER-CAUSING CHEMICALS

WHEREAS, firefighters are often the first responders on the scene of explosions, natural disasters, wildfires, traffic accidents and other catastrophes; and

WHEREAS, firefighters are increasingly exposed to toxic and hazardous chemicals released during catastrophes, disasters and fires; and

WHEREAS, a study conducted by the Centers for Disease Control's National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health ("NIOSH") found that firefighters in the line of duty are exposed to contaminants that are known or suspected to cause cancer; and

WHEREAS, the NIOSH determined that firefighters are more likely to develop respiratory, digestive and urinary system cancers than the general U.S. population; and

WHEREAS, the NIOSH also found that firefighters have a 9 percent higher chance of being diagnosed with cancer than the general U.S. population and a 14 percent increase in cancer-related deaths; and

WHEREAS, the International Association of Firefighters reports that cancer has surpassed heart disease as the leading cause of death among firefighters; and

WHEREAS, firefighters deserve protections to prevent and limit on the job exposure to toxic carcinogens; and

WHEREAS, SB 1092 and HB 487 has been filed for consideration during the 2020 session of the Florida Legislature by Senator Aaron Bean (R - Nassau) and Representative Elizabeth Fetterhoff (R - Volusia); and

WHEREAS, SB 1092 and HB 487 would create a Firefighter Cancer Decontamination Equipment Grant Program to protect the health and safety of firefighters in Florida; and

WHEREAS, SB 1092 and HB 487 would establish a program to award annual grants to fire departments as needed and would permit the distribution of equipment and training in a manner that leads to the greatest reduction in incidences of firefighters being exposed to hazardous post-fire contaminants; and

WHEREAS, the Firefighter Cancer Decontamination Equipment Grant Program would provide assistance to help fire departments procure equipment, supplies, and provide educational training to mitigate exposure to hazardous cancer-causing chemicals; and

WHEREAS, this Board supports SB 1092 and HB 487,

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

Section 1. Urges the Florida Legislature to enact SB 1092, HB 487 or similar legislation that would provide grants to enable fire departments to procure equipment and supplies designed to mitigate exposure to hazardous cancer-causing chemicals.

Section 2. Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the Governor, Senate President, House Speaker, Senator Aaron Bean, Representative Elizabeth Fetterhoff, and the Chair and Members of the Miami-Dade County State Legislative Delegation.

Section 3. Directs the County’s state lobbyists to advocate for the legislative action set forth in section 1 above and authorizes and directs the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs to amend the 2020 State Legislative Package to include this item.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Vice Chairwoman Rebeca Sosa. 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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| 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. Martinez | 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.

APP for

Suzanne Villano-Charif