

# MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(1)

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**TO:** Honorable Chairman Jose "Pepe" Diaz  
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

**DATE:** December 1, 2021

**FROM:** Geri Bonzon-Keenan  
County Attorney

**SUBJECT:** Resolution supporting Miami-Dade County's bid to host the Ninth Summit of the Americas in summer 2022 ("Summit") and all efforts in furtherance thereof; urging the United States Department of State to select Miami-Dade County to host the Summit; and directing the County Mayor to work with the Office of the Chair, the Jay Malina International Trade Consortium of Miami-Dade County, and other stakeholders in furtherance of the County's bid to host the Summit, and to provide a report

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The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Chairman 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 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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12-1-21

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING MIAMI-DADE COUNTY'S BID TO HOST THE NINTH SUMMIT OF THE AMERICAS IN SUMMER 2022 ("SUMMIT") AND ALL EFFORTS IN FURTHERANCE THEREOF; URGING THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE TO SELECT MIAMI-DADE COUNTY TO HOST THE SUMMIT; AND DIRECTING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO WORK WITH THE OFFICE OF THE CHAIR, THE JAY MALINA INTERNATIONAL TRADE CONSORTIUM OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, AND OTHER STAKEHOLDERS IN FURTHERANCE OF THE COUNTY'S BID TO HOST THE SUMMIT, AND TO PROVIDE A REPORT

**WHEREAS**, on August 12, 2021, the White House issued a release announcing that the United States was preparing to host the Ninth Summit of the Americas (the "Summit") in early summer 2022; and

**WHEREAS**, the Summit has taken place approximately once every three years since 1994 and brings together leaders from the countries of North, South, and Central America and the Caribbean; and

**WHEREAS**, the Summit is an international event focused on promoting regional cooperation and allows the region as a whole to work together on such issues as increasing economic competitiveness, spurring development, increasing access to energy and communication technology, strengthening regional security, countering trafficking, and promoting democracy and human rights; and

**WHEREAS**, the Summit is attended by heads of state and government, foreign ministers and other senior officials from the governments of participating countries, as well as by the President or the Vice President of the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, when the United States hosted the inaugural Summit of the Americas in 1994, it was hosted here in Miami-Dade County; and

**WHEREAS**, since then, the Summit has been in major cities in other countries: Santa Cruz, Bolivia in 1996; Santiago, Chile in 1998; Quebec City, Canada in 2001; Monterrey, Mexico in 2004; Mar del Plata, Argentina in 2005; Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago in 2009; Cartagena, Colombia in 2012; Panama City, Panama in 2015; and Lima, Peru in 2018; and

**WHEREAS**, on August 20, 2021, the Department of State published a notice inviting U.S. cities to present proposals, by September 3, 2021, to host the concluding week of high-level events and meetings of the Summit; and

**WHEREAS**, the Department of State estimates that as many as 10,000 participants, including support staff, security, media, and businesspersons, may attend this final week of events and meetings, including heads of state and government, foreign ministers, and other senior government officials; and

**WHEREAS**, the County, through the Office of the Chair and in coordination with the Jay Malina International Trade Consortium of Miami-Dade County, submitted a bid to the Department of State to host the Summit; and

**WHEREAS**, the County is the seventh-largest metropolitan statistical area in the United States, with an exceptionally diverse population as well as world-class amenities, accommodations, and ports; and

**WHEREAS**, as the “Gateway to the Americas,” Miami-Dade County is ideally positioned to host such an event; and

**WHEREAS**, this Board desires to express its support for Miami-Dade County's bid to host the Ninth Summit of the Americas in summer 2022 as well as its support for all efforts in furtherance thereof,

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

**Section 1.** Approves the foregoing recitals and incorporates them herein by reference.

**Section 2.** Supports Miami-Dade County's bid to host the Ninth Summit of the Americas ("Summit") in early 2022 and all efforts in furtherance thereof, and pledges Miami-Dade County's assistance, subject to funding and allocation, to support this important event.

**Section 3.** Urges the United States Department of State to select Miami-Dade County to host the Summit and any related events.

**Section 4.** Directs the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to work with the Office of the Chair, the Jay Malina International Trade Consortium of Miami-Dade County, and other stakeholders at the federal, state, and local levels, in furtherance of the County's bid to host the Summit, and to provide a report to the Board within 60 days of the effective date of this resolution regarding the status and progress of the County's bid to host the Summit. This Board further directs the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to place the completed report directly on an agenda of this Board pursuant to Ordinance No. 14-65.

**Section 5.** Directs the County's federal lobbyists to advocate for the actions set forth in sections 2 and 3 above and authorizes and directs the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs to include this item in the 2022 Federal Legislative Package when it is presented to the Board.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Chairman Jose “Pepe” Diaz. 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:

Jose “Pepe” Diaz, Chairman	
Oliver G. Gilbert, III, Vice-Chairman	
Sen. René García	Keon Hardemon
Sally A. Heyman	Danielle Cohen Higgins
Eileen Higgins	Joe A. Martinez
Kionne L. McGhee	Jean Monestime
Raquel A. Regalado	Rebeca Sosa
Sen. Javier D. Souto	

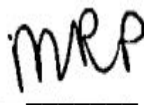
The Chairperson thereupon declared this resolution duly passed and adopted this 1<sup>st</sup> day of December, 2021. This resolution shall become effective upon the earlier of (1) 10 days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the County Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon 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.



Monica Rizo Perez  
Anita Viciano Zapata