

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(12)

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

DATE: April 19, 2022

FROM: Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution directing the County Mayor to immediately allow County employees to contribute the monetary value of accrued holiday and annual leave time to Global Empowerment Mission and World Central Kitchen for the purpose of assisting with humanitarian relief efforts in Ukraine; directing the County Mayor to publicize and make available forms for County employees to complete in order to contribute leave time; and directing the County Mayor to provide a report and effectuate the donation on behalf of the employees of Miami-Dade County

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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4-19-22

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR’S DESIGNEE TO IMMEDIATELY ALLOW COUNTY EMPLOYEES TO CONTRIBUTE THE MONETARY VALUE OF ACCRUED HOLIDAY AND ANNUAL LEAVE TIME TO GLOBAL EMPOWERMENT MISSION AND WORLD CENTRAL KITCHEN FOR THE PURPOSE OF ASSISTING WITH HUMANITARIAN RELIEF EFFORTS IN UKRAINE; DIRECTING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR’S DESIGNEE TO PUBLICIZE AND MAKE AVAILABLE FORMS FOR COUNTY EMPLOYEES TO COMPLETE IN ORDER TO CONTRIBUTE LEAVE TIME; AND DIRECTING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR’S DESIGNEE TO PROVIDE A REPORT AND EFFECTUATE THE DONATION ON BEHALF OF THE EMPLOYEES OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY

WHEREAS, on February 24, 2022, Ukraine suffered an unprovoked and unjustified attack by Russian military forces; and

WHEREAS, the mass assault by land, sea, and air is the biggest attack on a European state since World War II; and

WHEREAS, the Russian invasion of Ukraine has created Europe’s largest refugee crisis since World War II, driving more than 5 million people out of the country, according to the United Nations (U.N.); and

WHEREAS, at least half of those people who have fled Ukraine are children, according to the United Nations Children’s Fund; and

WHEREAS, the number of Ukrainians who have been forced to flee their homeland has now exceeded the worst-case predictions made at the start of the war; and

WHEREAS, of those who have managed to leave Ukraine since Russia’s invasion, more than 2.3 million people have gone to Poland alone, U.N. data shows; and

WHEREAS, hundreds of thousands of people have fled to other European countries, including Hungary and Slovakia; and

WHEREAS, border posts along Ukraine’s arching 1,600-mile western border have been overwhelmed; and

WHEREAS, lines to get into Poland have stretched as long as 20 miles, with people waiting through long days and frigid nights, often without food and water; and

WHEREAS, Russia’s unprovoked invasion of Ukraine threatens global peace and security; and

WHEREAS, Ukraine is urgently in need of the free world’s support; and

WHEREAS, Global Empowerment Mission (“GEM”) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization founded in 2011 as a first responder to global disasters; and

WHEREAS, to date, GEM has committed over \$105,000,000.00 in aid, delivered 376 tons of food, and relocated over 100,000 families affected by the crisis in Ukraine; and

WHEREAS, World Central Kitchen, together with local chefs in the region, has served millions of fresh meals to Ukrainian families fleeing their homes as well as to people remaining in the country; and

WHEREAS, due to the massive humanitarian crisis unfolding in Ukraine, this Board believes it is necessary to provide humanitarian relief to Ukrainians and, as necessary, those countries accepting Ukrainian refugees,

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

Section 1. Directs the County Mayor or County Mayor’s designee to immediately allow County employees to contribute the monetary value of accrued holiday and annual leave time to Global Empowerment Mission and World Central Kitchen for the purpose of assisting with humanitarian relief efforts in Ukraine.

Section 2. Directs the County Mayor or County Mayor’s designee to publicize and make available forms for employees to complete in order to authorize said earned annual and holiday leave contributions. The authorization forms to be distributed by the County Mayor or County Mayor’s designee shall include a statement that the Board of County Commissioners has approved contributions of earned annual and holiday leave time to Global Empowerment Mission and World Central Kitchen for the purpose of assisting with humanitarian relief efforts in Ukraine.

Section 3. Directs the County Mayor or County Mayor’s designee to prepare a report identifying the total amount of funds donated by the employees of Miami-Dade County. The County Mayor or County Mayor’s designee shall provide the report to this Board within 30 days of the effective date of this resolution and place the completed report on an agenda of the full Board without committee review pursuant to Ordinance No. 14-65. The County Mayor or County Mayor’s designee shall maintain possession of both the forms and funds received pursuant to this resolution and is authorized to effectuate said donation of the total value of County employee annual and holiday leave time contributions in equal amounts to Global Empowerment Mission and World Central Kitchen.

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
Sally A. Heyman
Eileen Higgins
Kionne L. McGhee
Raquel A. Regalado
Sen. Javier D. Souto
Keon Hardemon
Danielle Cohen Higgins
Joe A. Martinez
Jean Monestime
Rebeca Sosa

The Chairperson thereupon declared this resolution duly passed and adopted this 19th day of April, 2022. 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.



Javier Zapata