

# MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 9(A)(1)

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**TO:** Honorable Chairman Anthony Rodriguez  
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

**DATE:** May 20, 2025

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

**SUBJECT:** Resolution authorizing  
continuation of certain  
compensation to County  
employees on active military  
service effective November 1,  
2024; providing for retroactive  
effective date; directing the  
County Mayor to provide annual  
reports on the cost of providing  
such supplemental pay

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The accompanying resolution was prepared by the Human Resources Department and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Roberto J. Gonzalez.



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Geri Bonzon-Keenan  
County Attorney

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**To:** Honorable Chairman Anthony Rodriguez  
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**From:** Daniella Levine Cava *Daniella Levine Cava*  
Mayor

**Subject:** Resolution Authorizing Continuation of Certain Compensation to County Employees on Active Military Service

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## **Recommendation**

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners (Board) approve the attached resolution authorizing continuation of certain compensation to County employees on active military service, retroactively to November 1, 2024, and for the Human Resources Department to provide reports on the cost of providing such supplemental pay on an annual basis.

## **Scope**

The impact of this resolution is countywide.

## **Delegation of Authority**

The Human Resources Department will be responsible for preparing the annual report.

## **Fiscal Impact/ Funding Source**

The Resolution calls for employees entering into active military leave on or after November 1, 2024 to be eligible to receive County supplemental pay in an amount equal to the net difference between their military pay and their Miami-Dade County (County) compensation for a total of up to 24 months or the duration of their military services, whichever is less. The funding source is the respective budget for each department with employees with active/reservist military service. The cost of providing this supplemental military pay totaled \$293,674 in FY 2023-24.

## **Track Record/Monitor**

The Human Resources Department will be monitoring and providing the requisite reports.

## **Background**

This Resolution approves the continuation of certain compensation to County employees on active military service indefinitely retroactively from November 1, 2024, until further action of the Board; and directs the Mayor to provide annual reports on the cost of providing such supplemental pay. In adherence with this Board's Directive in Resolution R-1023-22, the Human Resources Department is also presenting a report providing an overview of the compensation, as a separate agenda item. Section 115.14, Florida Statutes, authorizes counties and municipalities to, "supplement the military pay of its officials and employees who are reservists called to active military service after the first 30 days in an amount necessary to bring their total salary, inclusive of their base military pay to the level earned at the time they were called to active military duty." Upon exhaustion of the statutorily required 30 days of full pay for the first 30 days of federal military service that is equal to or greater than 90 consecutive days, this Resolution authorizes the supplemental military pay in the amount equal to the net difference between employees' military pay and their county compensation for a total of up to 24 months or the duration of their military service, whichever is less.

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The Board of County Commissioners previously implemented authorization for this supplemental compensation through Resolutions No. R-1059-01, R-1063-02, R-157-03, R-1345-07, R-1117- 10, R-873-12, R-945-14 and R-1108-16; R1097-18: R-1111-20, R-1023-22.

In order for the County to continue to supplement the military pay of its employees who are on active military service, the Resolution requires Board approval.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'C Edwards', written over a horizontal line.

Carladenise Edwards  
Chief Administrative Officer



# MEMORANDUM

(Revised)

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**DATE:** May 20, 2025

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

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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 \_\_\_\_, majority plus one \_\_\_\_, 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) \_\_\_\_, 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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RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONTINUATION OF CERTAIN COMPENSATION TO COUNTY EMPLOYEES ON ACTIVE MILITARY SERVICE EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 1, 2024; PROVIDING FOR RETROACTIVE EFFECTIVE DATE; DIRECTING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO PROVIDE ANNUAL REPORTS ON THE COST OF PROVIDING SUCH SUPPLEMENTAL PAY

**WHEREAS**, Section 115.14, Florida Statutes, authorizes counties and municipalities to "supplement the military pay of its officials and employees who are reservists called to active military service after the first 30 days in an amount necessary to bring their total salary, inclusive of their base military pay, to the level earned at the time they were called to active military duty;" and

**WHEREAS**, this Board implemented this statutory authorization, through Resolution No. R-1059-01, in response to the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks against the United States, and extended such authorization in Resolution Nos. R-1063-02, R-157-03, R-1345-07, R-1117-10, R-873-12, R-945-14, R-1108-16, R-1097-18, R-1111-20 and R-1023-22; and

**WHEREAS**, Resolution No. R-1023-22 last extended such authorization through October 31, 2024; and

**WHEREAS**, the United States Military has continued to engage in hazardous activities overseas requiring the ongoing military service of County employees; and

**WHEREAS**, this Board wishes to provide the supplemental compensation first authorized by Resolution No. R-1059-01, and subsequently extended, to those employees called to active military service, effective November 1, 2024, and to monitor the continuation of such compensation; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the desire of this Board to provide this supplemental compensation retroactively, with an effective date of November 1, 2024,

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

**Section 1.** The compensation authorized by Resolution Nos. R-1059-01, R-1063-02, R-157-03, R-1345-07, R-1117-10, R-873-12, R-945-14, R-1108-16, R-1097-18, R-1111-20, and R-1023-22 is hereby extended indefinitely from November 1, 2024, until any subsequent action by this Board. Accordingly, eligible employees entering into active military leave on or after November 1, 2024, shall be entitled to receive County supplemental pay in an amount equal to the net difference between their military pay and their County compensation for a total of up to 24 months or the duration of their military service, whichever is less.

**Section 2.** The compensation described in Section 1 of this resolution shall apply retroactively, effective November 1, 2024.

**Section 3.** The County Mayor or County Mayor's designee shall fund the compensation set forth in section 1 from legally available funds within the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 budget and include such funding in the proposed Fiscal Year 2025-2026 County budget, and any future proposed County budgets, or alternatively, if such funds are not available, include possible sources of funding in the reports required pursuant to section 4 below.

**Section 4.** The County Mayor or County Mayor's designee shall provide a report to this Board within 180 days of the effective date of this resolution on the cost of providing supplemental pay under this resolution and shall place the completed report on an agenda of the Board without committee review pursuant to rule 5.06(j) of the Board's Rules of Procedure. In addition, the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee shall provide to the Board updated reports on the cost of providing supplemental pay under this resolution on an annual basis thereafter. The County Mayor or County Mayor's designee shall place such updated reports on applicable agendas of the Board without committee review pursuant to rule 5.06(j) of the Board's Rules of Procedure

The foregoing resolution 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:

Anthony Rodriguez, Chairman	
Kionne L. McGhee, Vice Chairman	
Marleine Bastien	Juan Carlos Bermudez
Sen. René García	Oliver G. Gilbert, III
Roberto J. Gonzalez	Keon Hardemon
Danielle Cohen Higgins	Eileen Higgins
Natalie Milian Orbis	Raquel A. Regalado
Micky Steinberg	

The Chairperson thereupon declared this resolution duly passed and adopted this 20<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2025. 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

JUAN FERNANDEZ-BARQUIN, CLERK

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as  
to form and legal sufficiency.



Marlon D. Moffett