

# MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(10)

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

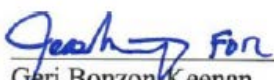
**DATE:** April 21, 2026

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

**SUBJECT:** Resolution urging the United States Congress to pass H.R. 3410, S. 1759, or similar legislation, to authorize civil supersonic flight in the national airspace system without special authorization so long as no sonic boom reaches the ground in the United States

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The accompanying resolution was prepared 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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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**
- Requires more than a majority vote (i.e., 2/3’s present \_\_\_\_, 2/3 membership \_\_\_\_, 3/5’s \_\_\_\_, unanimous \_\_\_\_, majority plus one \_\_\_\_, CDMP 7 votes (majority of membership) \_\_\_\_, CDMP 2/3 members present but not less than 7 votes (majority of membership) \_\_\_\_, CDMP 9 votes (2/3 membership) \_\_\_\_\_) 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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4-21-26

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

RESOLUTION URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO PASS H.R. 3410, S. 1759, OR SIMILAR LEGISLATION, TO AUTHORIZE CIVIL SUPERSONIC FLIGHT IN THE NATIONAL AIRSPACE SYSTEM WITHOUT SPECIAL AUTHORIZATION SO LONG AS NO SONIC BOOM REACHES THE GROUND IN THE UNITED STATES

**WHEREAS**, Miami International Airport (“MIA”) is the largest economic engine in Miami-Dade County and serves as a global gateway for millions of travelers each year; and

**WHEREAS**, MIA supports more than 700,000 jobs and generates over \$118 billion in business revenue across our County and state; and

**WHEREAS**, MIA achieved its third consecutive record-breaking year for passenger traffic in 2024 and maintains its status as one of the fastest-growing hub airports in the nation for seat capacity growth over the last five years; and

**WHEREAS**, MIA was recently ranked one of the best U.S. airports for business travelers; and

**WHEREAS**, MIA is also the busiest airport in the United States for international freight; and

**WHEREAS**, Miami-Dade County has a rich and longstanding history and tradition in the aviation and aerospace history dating back to the early part of the 20<sup>th</sup> century; and

**WHEREAS**, Miami-Dade County is currently in a position to lead the way in creating and expanding an eco-system that will support growth and opportunity in the aerospace industry; and

**WHEREAS**, since 1973, Section 91.817 of Part 14, Code of Federal Regulations, has prohibited civil aircraft from operating at speeds exceeding Mach 1 over land in the United States without special authorization from the Federal Aviation Administration (“FAA”), effectively foreclosing the development of a domestic commercial supersonic aviation market for over five decades; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 14, 2025, companion bills H.R. 3410 (“H.R. 3410”) and S. 1759 (“S. 1759”), each titled the “Supersonic Aviation Modernization Act,” were introduced in the United States House of Representatives and the United States Senate by Representative Troy Nehls (R – Texas) and Senator Ted Budd (R – North Carolina), respectively, to direct the Administrator of the FAA to issue or revise regulations to allow civil aircraft to operate at speeds greater than Mach 1 within the national airspace system without special authorization so long as no sonic boom reaches the ground in the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, H.R. 3410 also contains provisions requiring the FAA to establish final noise standards by April 1, 2027, prohibiting civil supersonic aircraft from exceeding the takeoff and landing noise levels applicable to subsonic aircraft, and a process to periodically review and update noise standards in response to technological advances, thereby ensuring that any expansion of supersonic flight is balanced with sound environmental and community protections; and

**WHEREAS**, H.R. 3410 was passed by the United States House of Representatives on March 24, 2026, and is now pending before the United States Senate; and

**WHEREAS**, the enactment of H.R. 3410, S. 1759, or similar legislation, would open the door to next-generation supersonic commercial service at MIA with the potential to reduce transatlantic and transcontinental flight times and enhance MIA’s competitive position as a premier hub for international business travel, luxury tourism, and time-sensitive freight; and

**WHEREAS**, the development and commercialization of supersonic aviation also has the potential to generate significant new business opportunities for Miami-Dade County's aviation ecosystem, including aircraft maintenance, repair, and overhaul (MRO) services, aviation training, and aerospace-related businesses that operate within or adjacent to the County's airport system; and

**WHEREAS**, advances in aerospace engineering, including advances that enable supersonic flight at altitude without producing a sonic boom at ground level, have fundamentally changed the safety, environmental, and community impact profile of civil supersonic flight; and

**WHEREAS**, this Board accordingly desires to urge the United States Congress to pass H.R. 3410, S. 1759, or similar legislation, to allow civil aircraft to operate at speeds greater than Mach 1 within the national airspace system without special authorization so long as no sonic boom reaches the ground in the United States,

**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 to pass H.R. 3410, S. 1759, or similar legislation, to allow civil aircraft to operate at speeds greater than Mach 1 within the national airspace system without special authorization so long as no sonic boom reaches the ground in the United States.

**Section 2.** Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to Representative Troy Nehls, Senator Ted Budd, Senator Ashley Moody, Senator Rick Scott, and the remaining Members of the Florida Congressional Delegation.

**Section 3.** Directs the County’s federal lobbyists to advocate for the action described in section 1 above, and authorizes and directs the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs to amend the 2026 Federal Legislative Package to include this item.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Roberto J. Gonzalez. 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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| 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          | Vicki L. Lopez         |
| Natalie Milian Orbis            | Raquel A. Regalado     |
| Micky Steinberg                 |                        |


The Chairperson thereupon declared this resolution duly passed and adopted this 21<sup>st</sup> day of April, 2026. 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.



Ryan C. Zagare