

# MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(13)

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

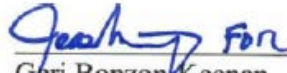
**DATE:** April 21, 2026

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

**SUBJECT:** Resolution urging the United States Congress to appropriate funding to support projects recommended in the 2024 report of the United States Army Chief of Engineers in furtherance of the Miami-Dade County Back Bay Coastal Storm Risk Management Study

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The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Micky Steinberg.

  
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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 APPROPRIATE FUNDING TO SUPPORT PROJECTS  
RECOMMENDED IN THE 2024 REPORT OF THE UNITED  
STATES ARMY CHIEF OF ENGINEERS IN FURTHERANCE  
OF THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY BACK BAY COASTAL  
STORM RISK MANAGEMENT STUDY

**WHEREAS**, the Miami-Dade County Back Bay Coastal Storm Risk Management Study (“Back Bay CSRM Study”) is an \$11,200,000.00 fully federally funded study led by the United States Army Corps of Engineers (“USACE”) in partnership with the non-federal sponsor, Miami-Dade County, and in collaboration with key stakeholders and municipalities; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2018, pursuant to Resolution No. R-1011-18, this Board approved an agreement between the USACE and the County, as the non-federal sponsor, related to the Back Bay CSRM Study; and

**WHEREAS**, the purpose of the study is for the USACE to identify, evaluate, and recommend a set of solutions that manage coastal storm surge risks to the County’s infrastructure and improve resilience by managing risks to public health and safety; and

**WHEREAS**, on August 25, 2024, the USACE Commanding General and 55th United States Army Chief of Engineers issued a report (“the 2024 Chief’s Report”) in furtherance of the Back Bay CSRM Study; and

**WHEREAS**, the 2024 Chief’s Report outlines a suite of recommended projects focused on six of the County’s most physically and socioeconomically vulnerable areas; and

**WHEREAS**, such recommended projects include voluntary elevations of residential homes, floodproofing of non-residential buildings and critical infrastructure, a Nature-Based Solutions Pilot Program, and Programmatic Nonstructural Studies; and

**WHEREAS**, as noted in the 2024 Chief's Report, federal implementation of the recommended projects would require cooperation by Miami-Dade County as the non-federal sponsor, including but not limited to the contribution of a 35-percent share of design and construction costs; and

**WHEREAS**, it is anticipated that the various components of the recommended projects may be divided into phases, and that certain smaller components could proceed separately at an earlier stage; and

**WHEREAS**, on January 21, 2026, through the adoption of Resolution No. R-66-26, this Board approved the 2026 Federal Legislative Package, which includes support for the funding of projects recommended in the 2024 Chief's Report; and

**WHEREAS**, Miami-Dade County submitted a Community Project Funding Request to fund the design phase for certain projects recommended in the 2024 Chief's Report; and

**WHEREAS**, specifically, the Community Project Funding Request seeks to fund the Nature-Based Solutions Pilot Program and projects to protect critical infrastructure and flood-proof non-residential buildings; and

**WHEREAS**, the Nature-Based Solutions Pilot Program includes a diverse range of engineered features such as hybrid coral reef structures, dune reinforcement, living shorelines, restoration of mangroves, and human-made island enhancements to help address erosion and storm surge flooding; and

**WHEREAS**, the requested federal funding would support multiple lines of defense strategy with the goal of reducing property damage and disruption caused by tropical storms, hurricanes, coastal erosion, and waves in highly vulnerable coastal areas of the County; and

**WHEREAS**, additionally, such funding would support projects that are anticipated to provide comprehensive benefits by restoring ecosystem health in and around Biscayne Bay; and

**WHEREAS**, this Board wishes to urge the United States Congress to appropriate funds to support projects recommended in the 2024 Chief's Report, including those projects described in the Community Project Funding Request,

**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 appropriate funds to support projects recommended in the 2024 Chief's Report, including those projects described in the Community Project Funding Request.

**Section 2.** Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the members of the Florida Congressional Delegation and the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works.

**Section 3.** Directs the County's federal lobbyists to advocate for the funding described in section 1, 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 Micky Steinberg. 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:

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

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.



Cristina M. Rabionet