

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(21)

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

DATE: July 21, 2026

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 the County's Emergency Disaster Relief Fund established by County Resolution No. R-1071-05 for the purpose of donating to Venezuela earthquake relief efforts; to publicize and make available forms for County employees to complete in order to contribute said leave time; to effectuate the donation on behalf of the employees of Miami-Dade County; and to provide a report

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Juan Carlos Bermudez.



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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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7-21-26

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 THE COUNTY'S EMERGENCY DISASTER RELIEF FUND ESTABLISHED BY COUNTY RESOLUTION NO. R-1071-05 FOR THE PURPOSE OF DONATING TO VENEZUELA EARTHQUAKE RELIEF EFFORTS; TO PUBLICIZE AND MAKE AVAILABLE FORMS FOR COUNTY EMPLOYEES TO COMPLETE IN ORDER TO CONTRIBUTE SAID LEAVE TIME; TO EFFECTUATE THE DONATION ON BEHALF OF THE EMPLOYEES OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY; AND TO PROVIDE A REPORT

WHEREAS, on June 24, 2026, two powerful magnitude 7.2 and 7.5 earthquakes struck north-central Venezuela just 39 seconds apart, with epicenters in the San Felipe/Yumare region of Yaracuy state; and

WHEREAS, these earthquakes, known as a seismic doublet, generated widespread destruction, causing structural collapses, landslides, and extensive damage to infrastructure and essential services across affected areas including Caracas, La Guaira, and Yaracuy; and

WHEREAS, as of June 29, 2026, rescue and recovery operations are ongoing, with at least 1,700 confirmed fatalities, over 5,000 injured, over 15,000 displaced from their homes, and tens of thousands reported missing, while aftershocks continue to threaten life and property; and

WHEREAS, there are and will be extensive emergency relief, humanitarian aid, and reconstruction needs in the regions devastated by the earthquakes, including urgent requirements for shelter, medical care, and rehabilitation of critical infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, residents of Miami-Dade County have family members, friends, and business relationships with individuals and communities affected by these seismic events in Venezuela; and

WHEREAS, to provide a mechanism for assisting other communities, the Board of County Commissioners adopted Resolution No. R-1071-05 for the purpose of establishing an Emergency Disaster Relief Fund so that County employees may contribute earned annual and holiday leave time to benefit victims of natural disasters and in rebuilding communities affected by natural disasters; and

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County has previously adopted resolutions to assist other communities devastated by natural disasters, including communities in: Jamaica and the Caribbean (Resolution No. R-1099-25); Texas (Resolution No. R-777-25); California (Resolution No. R-85-25); Florida (Resolution No. R-958-24); Florida and Georgia (Resolution No. R-832-24); the Caribbean, Mexico and Texas (Resolution No. R-699-24); Taiwan (Resolution No. R-337-24); Hawaii (Resolution No. R-711-23); Turkey and Syria (Resolution No. R-99-23); Puerto Rico (Resolution No. R-864-22); Haiti (Resolution No. R-844-21); Central America (Resolution No. R-1260-20); Puerto Rico and Australia (Resolution No. R-160-20); the Bahamas and the United States Atlantic coast (Resolution No. R-883-19); Florida (Resolution No. R-1091-18); Guatemala (Resolution No. R-654-18); Florida, Texas and the Caribbean (Resolution No. R-880-17); Colombia (Resolution No. R-460-17); Haiti and the Bahamas (Resolution No. R-923-16); Ecuador (Resolution No. R-531-16); the Bahamas (Resolution Nos. R-883-19 and R-956-15); the Philippines (Resolution No. R-956-13); Louisiana, New Jersey, and New York (Resolution No. R-977-12); Haiti (Resolution No. R-01-10); Texas (Resolution No. R-1103-08); various Caribbean countries (Resolution No. R-972-08); and Jamaica (Resolution No. R-1031-07); and

WHEREAS, generous County employees took advantage of the fund established by Resolution No. R-1071-05 and contributed their earned holiday and annual leave to the victims of these natural disasters; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners wishes to permit contributions toward recovery and reconstruction efforts undertaken as a result of the impact of the Venezuela earthquakes,

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 the County's Emergency Disaster Relief Fund established by County Resolution No. R-1071-05 for the purpose of donating to Venezuela earthquake relief efforts.

Section 2. Directs the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to publicize and make available forms for employees to complete 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 for the purpose of donating to Venezuela earthquake relief efforts.

Section 3. Directs the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to select one or more appropriate recipient organization(s), to effectuate this donation to the selected organization(s) on behalf of the employees of Miami-Dade County to be used exclusively to support Venezuela earthquake relief efforts, and to prepare a report identifying the recipient organization(s) and the total amount of funds donated to each such organization by the employees

of Miami-Dade County. The County Mayor or County Mayor's designee shall provide the report to this Board detailing the effectuation of this donation within 30 days after it is made and place the completed report on an agenda of the full Board without committee review pursuant to rule 5.06(j) of the Board's Rules of Procedure.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Juan Carlos Bermudez. 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	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 21st day of July, 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.



Marlon D. Moffett