

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(12)

TO: Honorable Chairwoman Audrey M. Edmonson
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

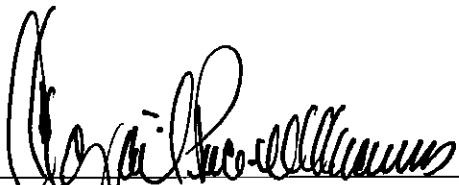
DATE: January 22, 2020

FROM: Abigail Price-Williams
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution urging the Florida
Legislature to provide funding
for the Camp Matecumbe historic
Pedro Pan Hall renovation and
supporting House Bill 2353,
Senate Local Funding Initiative
Request No. 1591, or similar
legislation that provides funding
for Camp Matecumbe

Resolution No. R-67-20

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Joe A. Martinez.



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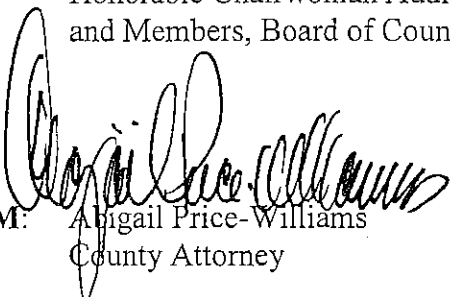


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Please note any items checked.

- ☐ "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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1-22-20

RESOLUTION NO. _____ R-67-20

RESOLUTION URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO
PROVIDE FUNDING FOR THE CAMP MATECUMBE
HISTORIC PEDRO PAN HALL RENOVATION AND
SUPPORTING HOUSE BILL 2353, SENATE LOCAL FUNDING
INITIATIVE REQUEST NO. 1591, OR SIMILAR LEGISLATION
THAT PROVIDES FUNDING FOR CAMP MATECUMBE

WHEREAS, in December of 1960, the Roman Catholic Church, through the Catholic Welfare Bureau (Catholic Charities) under the leadership of Father Bryan O. Walsh, in conjunction with Havana's Ruston Academy's Headmaster James D. Baker and the subsequent participation of the United States government, established what became known as Operation Pedro Pan; and

WHEREAS, Operation Pedro Pan was a program that enabled Cuban parents to send their minor children to the United States unaccompanied in order to escape the communist regime that had taken control in Cuba and thus prevent their forced indoctrination by means of educational and work and military training programs for minors; and

WHEREAS, in the course of 22 months, between December 26, 1960 and October 22, 1962, over 14,000 Cuban children traveled to the United States without their parents through Operation Pedro Pan; and

WHEREAS, Operation Pedro Pan represented the largest exodus in history of minors traveling alone in the Western Hemisphere; and

WHEREAS, upon arrival in Miami, the unaccompanied minors were temporarily placed in church-sponsored camps, shelters, institutions, foster homes, or with relatives and family friends throughout the United States; and

WHEREAS, one of the Catholic Church-sponsored camps that housed Operation Pedro Pan minors was Camp Matecumbe located at 13842 SW 120th Street, Miami, Florida; and

WHEREAS, indeed, before Camp Matecumbe was closed in October of 1964, close to 4,000 young, Cuban boys from the ages of 12 to 18 were housed at the camp; and

WHEREAS, the Cuban boys housed at Camp Matecumbe slept, ate, played, and were schooled and cared for at the camp by the Catholic Church while they waited to be reunited with their families; and

WHEREAS, in 2003, Miami-Dade County purchased Camp Matecumbe from the Archdiocese of Miami in order to preserve the camp and to use it for open space, park and recreation purposes; and

WHEREAS, since that time, there has been insufficient funding to develop and preserve it in a manner that would allow County residents and tourists to appreciate its historical significance, enjoy recreation and nature activities and learn about Operation Pedro Pan; and

WHEREAS, this Board seeks funding for the renovation of Camp Matecumbe so as to develop for use and enjoyment and also adequately preserve the park; and

WHEREAS, on October 22, 2019, Representative Juan Fernandez-Barquin (R – Miami) submitted House Bill 2353 for the appropriation of \$455,000.00, to fund the Camp Matecumbe historic Pedro Pan Hall renovation, and

WHEREAS, similarly on November 12, 2019, Senator Jose Javier Rodriguez (D – Miami) submitted Local Funding Initiative Request (LFIR) No. 1591, which requested \$455,000.00 in funds for the Camp Matecumbe historic Pedro Pan Hall renovation,

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

Section 1. Urges the Florida Legislature to provide funding for the Camp Matecumbe historic Pedro Pan Hall renovation, and supports House Bill 2353, Local Funding Initiative Request No. 1591 or enact similar legislation providing funding for Camp Matecumbe.

Section 2. Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the Governor, Senate President, House Speaker, Senator Jose Javier Rodriguez, Representative Juan Fernandez-Barquin, and the Chair and remaining Members of the Miami-Dade County State Legislative Delegation.

Section 3. Directs the County's state lobbyists to advocate for the legislative action set forth in section 1 above, and authorizes and directs the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs to amend the 2020 State Legislative Package to include this item.

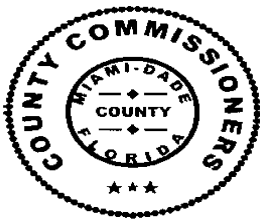
The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Joe A. Martinez. It was offered by Commissioner **Rebeca Sosa**, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **Esteban L. Bovo, Jr.** and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Audrey M. Edmonson, Chairwoman			
Rebeca Sosa, Vice Chairwoman			
Esteban L. Bovo, Jr.	aye	Daniella Levine Cava	aye
Jose "Pepe" Diaz	aye	Sally A. Heyman	absent
Eileen Higgins	aye	Barbara J. Jordan	aye
Joe A. Martinez	aye	Jean Monestime	aye
Dennis C. Moss	aye	Sen. Javier D. Souto	aye
Xavier L. Suarez	aye		

The Chairperson thereupon declared this resolution duly passed and adopted this 22nd day of January, 2020. 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: **Linda L. Cave**
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.

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Melanie J. Spencer