

## MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(10)

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

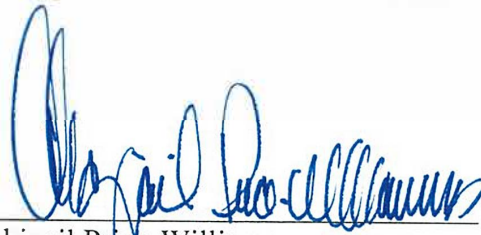
**DATE:** April 7, 2020

**FROM:** Abigail Price-Williams  
County Attorney

**SUBJECT:** Resolution urging the  
Florida Legislature and  
Governor Ron DeSantis to  
provide emergency assistance  
for Florida hospitality workers  
impacted by hotel, restaurant  
and other closures related to  
coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19)  
by providing emergency  
supplemental nutrition assistance  
program benefits and assistance  
with qualifying for and receiving  
unemployment benefits

Resolution No. R-315-20

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



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County Attorney

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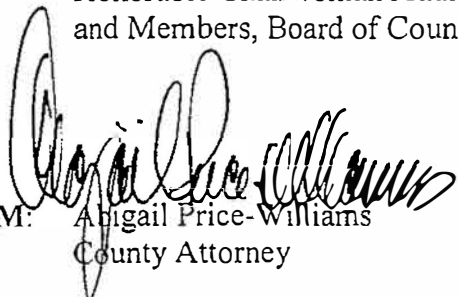


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Please note any items checked.

- ☐ "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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4-7-20

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_ R-315-20

RESOLUTION URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE AND GOVERNOR RON DESANTIS TO PROVIDE EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE FOR FLORIDA HOSPITALITY WORKERS IMPACTED BY HOTEL, RESTAURANT AND OTHER CLOSURES RELATED TO CORONAVIRUS 2019 (COVID-19) BY PROVIDING EMERGENCY SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM BENEFITS AND ASSISTANCE WITH QUALIFYING FOR AND RECEIVING UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS

**WHEREAS**, on January 31, 2020, United States President Donald Trump signed a proclamation barring entry into the United States of most foreign nationals who traveled to China within a specified time period; and

**WHEREAS**, on February 29, 2020, President Trump signed a proclamation that expanded travel restrictions to include all aliens who were physically present in the Islamic Republic of Iran during a specified period; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization (“WHO”) determined that the coronavirus disease 2019 (“COVID-19”) outbreak constitutes a pandemic; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 11, 2020, President Trump signed a proclamation restricting travel to the United States for European foreign nationals in the Schengen zone; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 12, 2020, Walt Disney World, Universal Orlando and several other Florida amusement parks announced closures through the end of March 2020 due to COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 12, 2020, Miami-Dade County Mayor Gimenez declared a state of emergency in Miami-Dade County and suspended all operations at the American Airlines Arena, the Miami Open tennis tournament and other mass gatherings; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 13, 2020, President Trump declared a national emergency concerning the COVID-19 pandemic; and

**WHEREAS**, although the CDC has not recommended limiting domestic travel, on March 14, 2020, President Trump advised that he is considering domestic travel restrictions due to COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, Visit Florida, the state's official tourism marketing corporation, estimates that Florida welcomed 127 million visitors in 2018; and

**WHEREAS**, according to Visit Florida, visitors to Florida contributed \$85.9 billion to Florida's economy and supported 1.5 million Florida jobs in 2017; and

**WHEREAS**, the Greater Miami Convention & Visitors Bureau reported 23.3 million visitors to Miami in 2018 and reported that the travel and hospitality sector employed a record 142,100 people in 2018; and

**WHEREAS**, hospitality workers that have contributed to Florida's tourism economy will likely face unprecedented unemployment as tourism decreases and mass gatherings are prohibited during the COVID-19 pandemic; and

**WHEREAS**, in order to ensure a safe and healthy Florida, it is essential that Florida hospitality workers who become unemployed as a result of COVID-19 receive unemployment benefits without delay and are permitted swift access to healthy food options; and

**WHEREAS**, this Board urges the Florida Legislature and Governor Ron DeSantis to enact measures to provide Florida hospitality workers who become unemployed with emergency Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits, also known as SNAP benefits, and assistance with qualifying for and receiving unemployment benefits,

**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 and Governor Ron DeSantis to provide emergency assistance for Florida hospitality workers impacted by hotel, restaurant and other closures related to Coronavirus COVID-19 by providing emergency supplemental nutrition assistance program benefits and assistance with qualifying for and receiving unemployment benefits.

**Section 2.** Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the Governor, Senate President, House Speaker and the Chair and Members of the Miami-Dade Legislative Delegation.

**Section 3.** Directs the County's lobbyist 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 and to include this item in the 2021 State Legislative Package when it is presented to the Board.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Jean Monestime. It was offered by Commissioner **Rebeca Sosa**, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **Audrey M. Edmonson** and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

|                                |     |                      |     |
|--------------------------------|-----|----------------------|-----|
| Audrey M. Edmonson, Chairwoman | aye |                      |     |
| Rebeca Sosa, Vice Chairwoman   | aye |                      |     |
| Esteban L. Bovo, Jr.           | aye | Daniella Levine Cava | aye |
| Jose "Pepe" Diaz               | aye | Sally A. Heyman      | aye |
| 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 7<sup>th</sup> day of April, 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: Melissa Adames  
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as  
to form and legal sufficiency.

Suzanne Villano-Charif