

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(36)

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

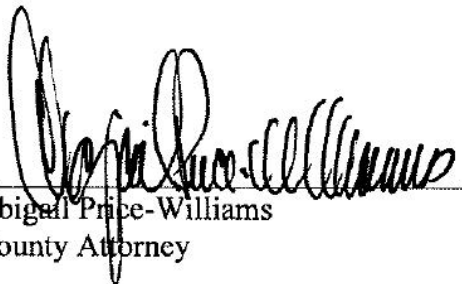
DATE: May 5, 2020

FROM: Abigail Price-Williams
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution urging the federal
government to support Miami-
Dade Fire Rescue's application
under the United States Agency
for International Development
Cooperative Agreement to
provide international urban
search and rescue response

Resolution No. R-448-20

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


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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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5-5-20

RESOLUTION NO. _____ R-448-20

RESOLUTION URGING THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO
SUPPORT MIAMI-DADE FIRE RESCUE'S APPLICATION
UNDER THE UNITED STATES AGENCY FOR
INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT COOPERATIVE
AGREEMENT TO PROVIDE INTERNATIONAL URBAN
SEARCH AND RESCUE RESPONSE

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade Fire Rescue (MDFR) is one of two original national Urban Search and Rescue (USAR) teams and is among the best trained and most accomplished such units in the country; and

WHEREAS, MDFR has demonstrated a track record of providing life-saving USAR and emergency services following natural disasters within Miami-Dade County (the County), elsewhere in the United States and abroad, and has been deployed in the past to disaster zones around the world to support life-saving operations; and

WHEREAS, the longstanding experience of the County's disaster response program has enabled MDFR to provide the needed guidance to the South Florida community with the appropriate assistance to affected populations abroad; and

WHEREAS, as a direct result of the County's involvement in disaster response, MDFR has built strong alliances with several regional, national, and international agencies in disaster response; and

WHEREAS, MDFR is the largest fire rescue department in the Southeast United States and the sixth largest in the nation with an outstanding reputation in emergency service; and

WHEREAS, the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) may provide reimbursement to USAR teams providing services outside their home jurisdiction internationally through a cooperative agreement; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the County to deploy USAR teams to national and international disaster zones in support of life-saving operations if such deployment is supported by federal funding; and

WHEREAS, such opportunities allow for the preservation of lives by USAR teams and provide valuable real-world experience in the event of a disaster within the County; and

WHEREAS, for the foregoing reasons, this Board would like to urge the federal government to support Miami-Dade Fire Rescue's application under the USAID cooperative agreement to provide international urban search and rescue response,

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

Section 1. Urges the federal government to support Miami-Dade Fire Rescue's application under the United States Agency for International Development cooperative agreement to provide international urban search and rescue response.

Section 2. Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit certified copies of this resolution to the Administrators of the USAID and the members of the Florida Congressional Delegation.

Section 3. Directs the County's federal lobbyists to advocate for the legislation described in section 1 above, and authorizes and directs the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs to amend the 2020 Federal Legislative Package to include this item.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Joe A. Martinez. It was offered by Commissioner **Audrey M. Edmonson** , who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **Rebeca Sosa** 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.	absent	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		

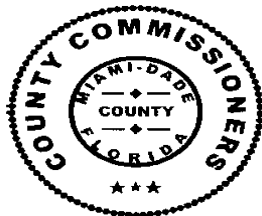
The Chairperson thereupon declared this resolution duly passed and adopted this 5th day of May, 2020. This resolution shall become effective upon the earlier of (1) 10 days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the County Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by 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

Melissa Adames

By: _____
Deputy Clerk



Approved by County Attorney as to form and legal sufficiency.

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Ryan Carlin