

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(6)

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

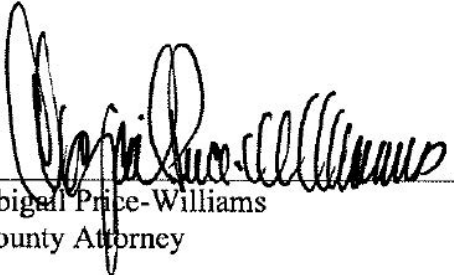
DATE: July 21, 2020

FROM: Abigail Price-Williams
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution directing the
County Mayor to (1) continue
the emergency senior meal
program for eligible individuals
until certain County meal
program sites that are currently
closed due to coronavirus disease
2019 (COVID-19) reopen; (2)
establish eligibility criteria for
the emergency senior meal
program; (3) apply for, receive,
and expend state and federal
funding for the program; and
(4) provide a report

Resolution No. R-746-20

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Vice Chairwoman Rebeca Sosa, and Co-Sponsors Commissioner Esteban L. Bovo, Jr., Chairwoman Audrey M. Edmonson, Commissioner Joe A. Martinez, Commissioner Dennis C. Moss and Senator Javier D. Souto.



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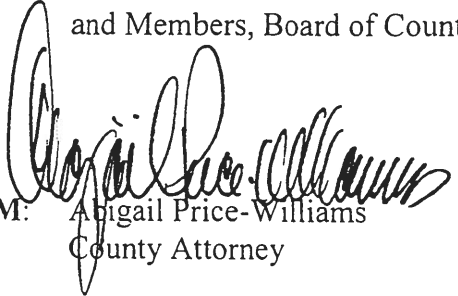


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Please note any items checked.

- ☐ "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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7-21-20

RESOLUTION NO. _____ R-746-20

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO (1) CONTINUE THE EMERGENCY SENIOR MEAL PROGRAM FOR ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUALS UNTIL CERTAIN COUNTY MEAL PROGRAM SITES THAT ARE CURRENTLY CLOSED DUE TO CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID-19) REOPEN; (2) ESTABLISH ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR THE EMERGENCY SENIOR MEAL PROGRAM; (3) APPLY FOR, RECEIVE, AND EXPEND STATE AND FEDERAL FUNDING FOR THE PROGRAM; AND (4) PROVIDE A REPORT

WHEREAS, in December 2019, a new coronavirus, known as SARS-CoV-2, that causes an infectious disease named coronavirus disease 2019 ("COVID-19") was first identified in Wuhan, Hubei Province, China; and

WHEREAS, on January 30, 2020, the International Health Regulations Emergency Committee of the World Health Organization ("WHO") declared the outbreak a "public health emergency of international concern"; and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, given the rapid spread and severity of the virus, the WHO declared COVID-19 a pandemic; and

WHEREAS, since its initial identification in the United States, COVID-19 has spread rapidly across the nation and cases of COVID-19, as well as mortalities from it, are increasing by the day; and

WHEREAS, unfortunately, numerous areas throughout the state, including Miami-Dade County are experiencing an alarming rise in the number of positive COVID-19 tests; and

WHEREAS, among people infected with COVID-19, older adults are at increased risk for detrimental health consequences, including death; and

WHEREAS, in an effort to reduce the transmission of COVID-19 and to protect vulnerable older adults, on March 16, 2020, the County shuttered community centers and other locations where meals were served to older adults and instituted a temporary emergency home delivery meal program; and

WHEREAS, although the emergency senior meal program was started to ensure individuals who participated in meal programs within the County would still receive meals despite closures, it offers home delivered meals to all County residents aged 60 and over who express said need; and

WHEREAS, prior to the establishment of the emergency senior meal program, approximately 5,000 eligible individuals received meals through County programs; and

WHEREAS, currently the County is serving meals to over 80,000 individuals through the temporary emergency senior meal program; and

WHEREAS, the County created the emergency senior meal program to shield some of its most vulnerable residents from unnecessary exposure to COVID-19 and help them remain ‘safer at home’ and healthy; and

WHEREAS, however, the tremendous increase in recipients suggests that some of the senior meal program recipients may not be in need of such service; and

WHEREAS, the program should be revamped to better identify and continue providing meals to the County’s most vulnerable residents until the threat posed by the COVID-19 pandemic is eradicated and sites where seniors receive meals reopen; and

WHEREAS, in light of the highly transmissible nature of COVID-19 and the recent exponential rise in positive tests, the senior meal program is critically important to some older adults and should continue operating,

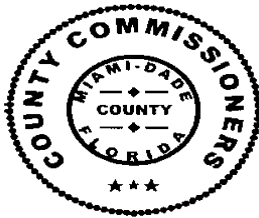
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that this Board directs the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to:

1. Using legally available funds, continue the emergency senior meal home delivery program for eligible individuals until certain meal program sites that are closed due to coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) reopen;
2. Establish eligibility criteria for said program;
3. Apply for, receive, and expend state and federal funding related to the COVID-19 pandemic for the program; and
4. Provide a report to this Board within 15 days of the effective date of this resolution detailing the implementation of the directives included in this resolution, or alternatively, why such directives could not be implemented, and place the completed report on an agenda of the Board pursuant to Ordinance No. 14-65.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Vice Chairwoman Rebeca Sosa, and the Co-Sponsors are Commissioner Esteban L. Bovo, Jr., Chairwoman Audrey M. Edmonson, Commissioner Joe A. Martinez, Commissioner Dennis C. Moss and Senator Javier D. Souto. It was offered by Commissioner **Jean Monestime**, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **Dennis C. Moss** 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	absent		

The Chairperson thereupon declared this resolution duly passed and adopted this 21st day of July, 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.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "SG", followed by a horizontal line.

Shanika A. Graves