

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(7)

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

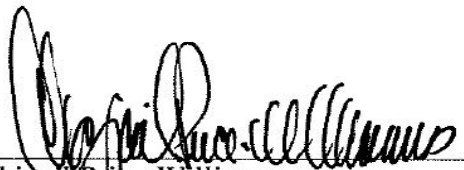
DATE: July 21, 2020

FROM: Abigail Price-Williams
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution directing the County
Mayor to develop a plan for the
installation of water rescue
stations at County-owned
facilities near the water,
including identifying available
funds, providing for a penalty for
tampering with such water rescue
stations and to provide a report

Resolution No. R-747-20

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Joe A. Martinez and Co-Sponsors Commissioner Daniella Levine Cava, Commissioner Jose "Pepe" Diaz, Commissioner Sally A. Heyman and Vice Chairwoman Rebeca Sosa.



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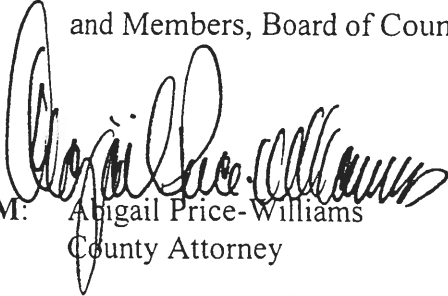


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Please note any items checked.

- ☐ "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 _____

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(7)
7-21-20

RESOLUTION NO. _____ R-747-20

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COUNTY MAYOR TO DEVELOP A PLAN FOR THE INSTALLATION OF WATER RESCUE STATIONS AT COUNTY-OWNED FACILITIES NEAR THE WATER, INCLUDING IDENTIFYING AVAILABLE FUNDS, PROVIDING FOR A PENALTY FOR TAMPERING WITH SUCH WATER RESCUE STATIONS AND TO PROVIDE A REPORT

WHEREAS, in 2018, there were approximately 400 deaths due to drowning in Florida;
and

WHEREAS, according to the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention,
most drownings occur in unguarded locations; and

WHEREAS, water rescue stations include life preserver rings and sometimes reaching
poles; and

WHEREAS, water rescue stations can be installed as to limit tampering or vandalism; and

WHEREAS, the installation of water rescue stations at unguarded County water locations
may decrease the number of drownings by allowing bystanders to assist in the rescue of swimmers
experiencing distress; and

WHEREAS, under Florida's "Good Samaritan Law" any person, including those licensed
to practice medicine, who gratuitously and in good faith provides emergency care or treatment to
another in an emergency situation is not liable for any civil damages as a result of such aid or
treatment; and

WHEREAS, a penalty for tampering with the water rescue stations would assist in
ensuring that the water stations are not vandalized; and

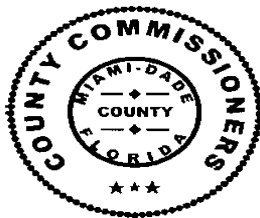
WHEREAS, this Board desires to provide additional safety features at County-owned facilities near the water, including beaches and fishing piers, in order to prevent drownings during those times when the water locations are unguarded,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that the County Mayor is directed, within 60 days, to provide this Board with a written report detailing suggested locations for the installation of water rescue stations at County-owned facilities near the water. The report shall also include the fiscal impact of the installation of and ongoing maintenance for water rescue stations, and legally available identified funding sources, or detail why funding for this initiative is not available. The report shall also include proposed penalties for tampering with the water rescue stations. The report shall be placed on an agenda of the Board pursuant to Ordinance No. 14-65.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Joe A. Martinez and the Co-Sponsors are Commissioner Daniella Levine Cava, Commissioner Jose "Pepe" Diaz, Commissioner Sally A. Heyman and Vice Chairwoman Rebeca Sosa. 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 the 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.

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Melanie J. Spencer