

MEMORANDUM

Special Item No. 7

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

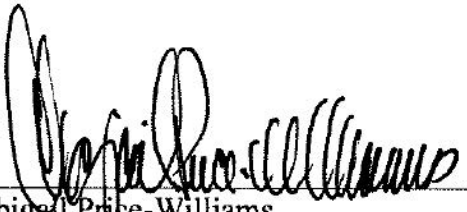
DATE: July 27, 2020

FROM: Abigail Price-Williams
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution urging the United States Congress to enact H.R. 6800, the Health and Economic Recovery Omnibus Emergency Solutions Act ("HEROES ACT") or similar legislation that, among other things, would provide rental and mortgage assistance to individuals impacted by coronavirus disease 2019 ("COVID-19"), provide additional stimulus payments to individuals, increase food benefits, provide additional unemployment funds and provide funding to state and local governments

Resolution No. R-770-20

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Daniella Levine Cava.



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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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RESOLUTION NO. R-770-20

RESOLUTION URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO ENACT H.R. 6800, THE HEALTH AND ECONOMIC RECOVERY OMNIBUS EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS ACT (“HEROES ACT”) OR SIMILAR LEGISLATION THAT, AMONG OTHER THINGS, WOULD PROVIDE RENTAL AND MORTGAGE ASSISTANCE TO INDIVIDUALS IMPACTED BY CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 (“COVID-19”), PROVIDE ADDITIONAL STIMULUS PAYMENTS TO INDIVIDUALS, INCREASE FOOD BENEFITS, PROVIDE ADDITIONAL UNEMPLOYMENT FUNDS AND PROVIDE FUNDING TO STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

WHEREAS, House of Representative Bill (“H.R.”) 6800, the Health and Economic Recovery Omnibus Emergency Solutions (“HEROES”) Act responds to the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) outbreak and its impact on the economy, public health, state and local governments, individuals, and businesses; and

WHEREAS, the HEROES Act is a \$3 trillion emergency relief package that provides \$915 billion to state and local governments with at least \$375 billion of that funding allocated to local governments to assist with the fiscal impacts from the public health emergency caused by COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, additionally, the HEROES Act would assist individuals by providing additional stimulus payments, granting an increase of Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits and authorizing an extension of the extra \$600 weekly federal unemployment benefit through January 2021, and

WHEREAS, the HEROES Act would also provide approximately \$100 billion in federal rental assistance to be distributed through an existing nationwide grant rental assistance program

that would verify a tenant's inability to pay rent and would give vouchers to cover the cost of rent and utilities; and

WHEREAS, the HEROES Act would also provide \$75 billion in federal funds for a homeowner assistance fund to prevent mortgage defaults and property foreclosures; and

WHEREAS, the HEROES Act was passed by the United States House of Representatives on May 15, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the United States Senate has not passed the HEROES Act; and

WHEREAS, as the amount of COVID-19 cases increase in the State of Florida and Miami-Dade County, more financial resources are needed to assist state and local government and individuals; and

WHEREAS, the HEROES Act would provide necessary economic stimulus to state and local governments and provide individuals with financial assistance, increased food benefits, additional unemployment funds, and rental and mortgage assistance to stabilize the economy; and

WHEREAS, this Board supports the HEROES Act or similar legislation that would provide rental and mortgage assistance to individuals impacted by COVID-19 as well as provide funding to state and local governments,

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

Section 1. Urges the United States Congress to enact H.R. 6800, the Health and Economic Recovery Omnibus Emergency Solutions ("HEROES") Act or similar legislation that would provide rental and mortgage assistance to individuals impacted by Coronavirus disease 2019, provide additional stimulus payments to individuals, increase food benefits, provide additional unemployment funds and provide funding to state and local governments.

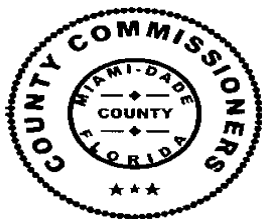
Section 2. Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the members of the Miami-Dade County Congressional Delegation.

Section 3. Directs the County’s federal 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 Federal Legislative Package to include this item and to include this item in the 2021 federal legislative packages when they are presented to the Board.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Daniella Levine Cava. It was offered by Commissioner **Daniella Levine Cava** , who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **Sally A. Heyman** and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Audrey M. Edmonson, Chairwoman	aye		
Rebeca Sosa, Vice Chairwoman	absent		
Esteban L. Bovo, Jr.	nay	Daniella Levine Cava	aye
Jose “Pepe” Diaz	aye	Sally A. Heyman	aye
Eileen Higgins	aye	Barbara J. Jordan	aye
Joe A. Martinez	absent	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 27th 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 "Suzanne Villano-Charif", written over a horizontal line.

Suzanne Villano-Charif