

MEMORANDUM

Amended
Agenda Item No. 11(A)(7)

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

DATE: October 22, 2020

FROM: Abigail Price-Williams
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution urging the United States Congress to allocate additional funding to concessionaries, air carriers and contractors for economic relief as a result of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) to stave off massive layoffs of employees in the airline industry

Resolution No. R-1091-20

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Daniella Levine Cava and Co-Sponsors Commissioner Jose "Pepe" Diaz, Chairwoman Audrey M. Edmonson, Commissioner Sally A. Heyman, Commissioner Eileen Higgins, Commissioner Barbara J. Jordan, Commissioner Jean Monestime, Commissioner Dennis C. Moss, Vice Chairwoman Rebeca Sosa, and Senator Javier D. Souto.



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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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10-22-20

RESOLUTION NO. R-1091-20

RESOLUTION URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS
TO ALLOCATE ADDITIONAL FUNDING TO
CONCESSIONAIRES, AIR CARRIERS, AND CONTRACTORS
FOR ECONOMIC RELIEF AS A RESULT OF CORONAVIRUS
DISEASE 2019 (COVID-19) TO STAVE OFF MASSIVE
LAYOFFS OF EMPLOYEES IN THE AIRLINE INDUSTRY

WHEREAS, the airline industry continues to suffer as a result of the coronavirus disease 2019 (“COVID-19”), an infectious disease caused by severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2, a novel coronavirus that was first identified in December 2019; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 has spread rapidly throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, because one of the ways to contain the virus and reduce its spread is to keep a physical distance, passenger traffic has dropped drastically and is only now slowly increasing; and

WHEREAS, to address the major financial implications associated with the decrease in passenger traffic, the United States Congress enacted the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (the “CARES Act”), a \$2 trillion stimulus package; and

WHEREAS, among other things, the CARES Act provided \$25 billion for passenger air carriers, \$4 billion for air-cargo carriers and \$3 billion for certain contractors; and

WHEREAS, the CARES Act implemented the Payroll Support Program which provides that to be eligible for financial assistance, an air carrier or contractor shall refrain from conducting involuntary furloughs or reducing pay rates and benefits until September 30, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the United States Congress is currently considering another stimulus bill, the Health and Economic Recovery Omnibus Emergency Solutions Act (the “HEROES Act”), a \$3 trillion emergency relief package that would provide additional funding 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, the HEROES Act, however, would not provide additional stimulus relief to air carriers and contractors; and

WHEREAS, although helpful, the HEROES Act, if passed, would only partially extend the Payroll Support Program to September 30, 2020, or the date on which such financial assistance is fully exhausted by the air carrier or contractor, whichever date occurs later; and

WHEREAS, it is essential that the United States Congress allocate additional dollars to stave off massive layoffs of employees in the airline industry,

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 allocate additional funding to concessionaires, air carriers, and contractors for economic relief as a result of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) to stave off massive layoffs of employees in the airline industry.

Section 2. Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit certified copies of this resolution to the President of the United States and Members of the Miami-Dade County Congressional Legislative Delegation.

Section 3. Directs the County’s federal lobbyists to advocate for the 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.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Daniella Levine Cava, and the Co-Sponsors are Commissioner Jose “Pepe” Diaz, Chairwoman Audrey M. Edmonson, Commissioner Sally H. Heyman, Commissioner Eileen Higgins, Commissioner Barbara J. Jordan, Commissioner Jean Monestime, Commissioner Dennis C. Moss, Vice Chairwoman Rebeca Sosa, and Senator Javier D. Souto. It was offered by Commissioner **Daniella Levine Cava**, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **Eileen Higgins** 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
Jose “Pepe” Diaz	aye
Eileen Higgins	aye
Joe A. Martinez	aye
Dennis C. Moss	aye
Xavier L. Suarez	absent
Daniella Levine Cava	aye
Sally A. Heyman	aye
Barbara J. Jordan	aye
Jean Monestime	aye
Sen. Javier D. Souto	aye

The Chairperson thereupon declared this resolution duly passed and adopted this 22nd day of October, 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.



Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.

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MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA
BY ITS BOARD OF
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

HARVEY RUVIN, CLERK

By: **Melissa Adames**
Deputy Clerk