

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(9)

TO: Honorable Chairman Jose "Pepe" Diaz
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: April 20, 2021

FROM: Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution directing the County Mayor to create and promote a Biscayne Bay Recovery webpage providing the Biscayne Bay Task Force's report and Miami-Dade County's actions resulting from the Biscayne Bay Task Force's recommendations; directing the County Mayor to prepare a report on the implementation of this webpage; directing the County Mayor to make oral presentations on the County's progress toward restoring Biscayne Bay

Resolution No. R-359-21

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Rebeca Sosa and Co-Sponsor Commissioner Sally A. Heyman.



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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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4-20-21

RESOLUTION NO. _____ R-359-21

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO CREATE AND PROMOTE A BISCAYNE BAY RECOVERY WEBPAGE PROVIDING THE BISCAYNE BAY TASK FORCE'S REPORT AND MIAMI-DADE COUNTY'S ACTIONS RESULTING FROM THE BISCAYNE BAY TASK FORCE'S RECOMMENDATIONS; DIRECTING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO PREPARE A REPORT ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS WEBPAGE; DIRECTING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO MAKE ORAL PRESENTATIONS ON THE COUNTY'S PROGRESS TOWARD RESTORING BISCAYNE BAY

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County (the "County") is home to Biscayne National Park, and this national park provides recreational opportunities and economic value, in addition to the national park's intrinsic ecological and environmental value; and

WHEREAS, the health of Biscayne National Park and Biscayne Bay as a whole are linked to the economic well-being of the County through industries such as tourism and commercial and recreational fishing; and

WHEREAS, in 2019, this Board adopted Resolution No. R-165-19, creating the Biscayne Bay Task Force to address issues that affect the health and well-being of Biscayne Bay; and

WHEREAS, the Biscayne Bay Task Force developed recommendations and an action plan identifying problem areas and prioritizing projects for Biscayne Bay, and these recommendations were presented in a report to this Board; and

WHEREAS, the Biscayne Bay Task Force’s report, Unified Approach to Recovery for a Healthy and Resilient Biscayne Bay (the “BBTF Report”), includes three overarching recommendations and 62 specific recommendations to improve water quality and address the health of Biscayne Bay; and

WHEREAS, the three overarching recommendations include: 1) establishing a collaborative intergovernmental body to promote active and long-term engagement on issues facing Biscayne Bay; 2) creating a Chief Bay Officer position in the County Mayor’s Office; and 3) developing a Biscayne Bay Watershed Restoration Plan; and

WHEREAS, the BBTF Report’s specific recommendations are organized across the following seven main themes: water quality, governance, infrastructure, watershed habitat restoration and natural infrastructure, marine debris, education and outreach, and funding; and

WHEREAS, one of the specific recommendations relating to education and outreach is to create a multi-lingual, multi-media campaign and educational outreach program to increase awareness of the importance of Biscayne Bay; and

WHEREAS, on August 31, 2020, this Board adopted Resolution No. R-888-20, which directed the County Mayor or County Mayor’s designee to review the BBTF Report and provide an implementation plan for immediate action; and

WHEREAS, creating an easily accessible webpage that provides the BBTF Report’s recommendations and the County’s actions resulting from these recommendations would serve to publicize and promote the County’s efforts to preserve Biscayne Bay; and

WHEREAS, such a webpage would begin to address the BBTF Report’s education and outreach recommendations; and

WHEREAS, periodic status reports would assist this Board in assessing the County's progress toward restoring Biscayne Bay,

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

Section 1. Directs the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to create a Biscayne Bay Recovery webpage that provides the Biscayne Bay Task Force's report, Unified Approach to Recovery for a Healthy and Resilient Biscayne Bay, and the County's actions resulting from this report's recommendations. The Biscayne Bay Recovery webpage shall include links to relevant documents such as resolutions, ordinances, and reports. The County Mayor or County Mayor's designee shall feature this webpage prominently on the main page of the County website, promote this webpage through social media, and also endeavor to provide information on the webpage in Spanish and Creole, where feasible. The County Mayor shall consult with the Chief Bay Officer, the Office of Resilience, or any other appropriate County Mayor designees regarding the webpage's creation and maintenance.

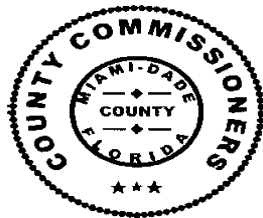
Section 2. Directs the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to prepare a written report on the Biscayne Bay Recovery webpage and the implementation of the requirements of this resolution. The County Mayor or County Mayor's designee shall provide the report to the Board within 30 days of the effective date of this resolution, and shall place the completed report on an agenda of the Board pursuant to Ordinance No. 14-65.

Section 3. Directs the Chief Bay Officer, the Office of Resilience, or any other appropriate County Mayor designees to make an oral presentation every three months to the PortMiami and Environmental Resilience Committee or its successor committee on the County's progress toward restoring Biscayne Bay.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Rebeca Sosa and the Co-Sponsor is Commissioner Sally A. Heyman. It was offered by Commissioner **Rebeca Sosa**, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **Joe A. Martinez** and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Jose "Pepe" Diaz, Chairman	aye		
Oliver G. Gilbert, III, Vice-Chairman	aye		
Sen. René García	aye	Keon Hardemon	aye
Sally A. Heyman	aye	Danielle Cohen Higgins	aye
Eileen Higgins	aye	Joe A. Martinez	aye
Kionne L. McGhee	absent	Jean Monestime	aye
Raquel A. Regalado	aye	Rebeca Sosa	aye
Sen. Javier D. Souto	aye		

The Chairperson thereupon declared this resolution duly passed and adopted this 20th day of April, 2021. 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 dark ink, appearing to read "CMR".

Cristina M. Rabionet