

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 14(A)(15)

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

DATE: September 1, 2021

FROM: Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution directing the County Mayor to immediately allow County employees to contribute the monetary value of accrued holiday and annual leave time to the County's Emergency Disaster Relief Fund established by Resolution No. R-1071-05 for the purpose of donating to the Haiti earthquake relief efforts; directing the County Mayor to evaluate donation options, make a recommendation and provide a report

Resolution No. R-844-21

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Co-Prime Sponsors Commissioner Kionne L. McGhee and Commissioner Jean Monestime, and Co-Sponsors Chairman Jose "Pepe" Diaz, Senator René García and 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 *David L. Levine* Mayor
Veto _____
Override *✓*

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9-1-21

RESOLUTION NO. R-844-21

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO IMMEDIATELY ALLOW COUNTY EMPLOYEES TO CONTRIBUTE THE MONETARY VALUE OF ACCRUED HOLIDAY AND ANNUAL LEAVE TIME TO THE COUNTY'S EMERGENCY DISASTER RELIEF FUND ESTABLISHED BY RESOLUTION NO. R-1071-05 FOR THE PURPOSE OF DONATING TO THE HAITI EARTHQUAKE RELIEF EFFORTS; DIRECTING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO EVALUATE DONATION OPTIONS, MAKE A RECOMMENDATION AND PROVIDE A REPORT

WHEREAS, on August 14, 2021, the southwestern peninsula of Haiti was struck by a magnitude 7.2 earthquake, causing widespread destruction; and

WHEREAS, in the days following the earthquake, more than 2,200 people were confirmed dead, 344 people were still missing, 12,268 people were injured and nearly 53,000 houses were destroyed; and

WHEREAS, rescuers raced to find survivors amid the rubble, and victims struggled with a deluge and severe flooding from Tropical Storm Grace; and

WHEREAS, as such, there have been and will continue to be significant emergency relief needs in the areas affected by the recent earthquake in Haiti; and

WHEREAS, residents of Miami-Dade County have family members, friends, and business relationships with our neighbors in Haiti; and

WHEREAS, to provide a mechanism for providing assistance to other communities, this Board adopted Resolution No. R-1071-05 for the purpose of establishing an Emergency Disaster Relief Fund so that County employees may contribute earned annual and holiday leave time to benefit victims of natural disasters and in rebuilding communities affected by natural disasters; and

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County has previously adopted resolutions to assist other communities devastated by natural disasters, including communities in: Central America (Resolution No. R-1260-20), Puerto Rico and Australia (Resolution No. R-160-20), the Bahamas and the United States Atlantic coast (Resolution No. R-883-19), Florida (Resolution No. R-1091-18), Guatemala (Resolution No. R-654-18), Florida, Texas and the Caribbean (Resolution No. R-880-17), Colombia (Resolution No. R-460-17), Haiti and the Bahamas (Resolution No. R-923-16), Ecuador (Resolution No. R-531-16), the Bahamas (Resolution Nos. R-883-19 and R-956-15), the Philippines (Resolution No. R-956-13), Louisiana, New Jersey, and New York (Resolution No. R-977-12), Haiti (Resolution No. R-01-10), Texas (Resolution No. R-1103-08), various Caribbean countries (Resolution No. R-972-08), and Jamaica (Resolution No. R-1031-07); and

WHEREAS, generous County employees took advantage of the fund established by Resolution No. R-1071-05 and contributed their earned holiday and annual leave to the victims of these natural disasters; and

WHEREAS, this Board wishes to permit contributions toward recovery and reconstruction efforts undertaken as a result of the impacts of the recent earthquake in Haiti,

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 immediately allow the donation by County employees of accrued annual and holiday leave time to the County's Emergency Disaster Relief Fund authorized by Resolution No. R-1071-05 for the purpose of donating the monetary value of those annual and holiday leave hours to the Haiti earthquake relief efforts.

Section 2. Directs the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to publicize and make available forms for employees to complete in order to authorize said earned annual and

holiday leave contributions. The authorization forms to be distributed by the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee shall include a statement that the Board of County Commissioners has approved contributions of earned annual and holiday leave time for the purpose of the Haiti earthquake relief efforts.

Section 3. Directs the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to evaluate options for the donation of funds received pursuant to this resolution to be used exclusively to assist in the Haiti earthquake relief efforts. Pursuant to Ordinance No. 14-65, the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee shall provide the report to this Board with the Mayor's recommendation within 30 days, and shall place the completed report on the next available agenda of the Board, without committee review.

The Co-Prime Sponsors of the foregoing resolution are Commissioner Kionne L. McGhee and Commissioner Jean Monestime, and the Co-Sponsors are Chairman Jose "Pepe" Diaz, Senator René García and Commissioner Sally A. Heyman. It was offered by

Commissioner **Rebeca Sosa** , 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:

	Jose "Pepe" Diaz, Chairman	aye
	Oliver G. Gilbert, III, Vice-Chairman	aye
Sen. René García	absent	Keon Hardemon aye
Sally A. Heyman	aye	Danielle Cohen Higgins aye
Eileen Higgins	aye	Joe A. Martinez aye
Kionne L. McGhee	aye	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 1st day of September, 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 blue ink, appearing to read "M. Moffett", is written over a horizontal line.

Marlon D. Moffett