

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(8)

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

DATE: July 19, 2022

FROM: Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution urging the United States Congress to enact H.R. 7776, the Water Resources Development Act of 2022, or similar legislation authorizing funding and projects for flood mitigation, wastewater infrastructure improvement, and Everglades restoration in South Florida and Miami-Dade County

Resolution No. R-716-22

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Raquel A. Regalado.



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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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7-19-22

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RESOLUTION URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS
TO ENACT H.R. 7776, THE WATER RESOURCES
DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 2022, OR SIMILAR LEGISLATION
AUTHORIZING FUNDING AND PROJECTS FOR FLOOD
MITIGATION, WASTEWATER INFRASTRUCTURE
IMPROVEMENT, AND EVERGLADES RESTORATION IN
SOUTH FLORIDA AND MIAMI-DADE COUNTY

WHEREAS, on May 16, 2022, United States Representative Peter A. DeFazio (D – Oregon) introduced H.R. 7776, a bill entitled the Water Resources Development Act of 2022 (the “Act”), for consideration during the 117th Congress; and

WHEREAS, the Act would authorize the United States Army Corps of Engineers to study and conduct projects concerning water and wastewater infrastructure, water supply, port and waterway navigation, hurricane and storm damage reduction, flood mitigation, and ecosystem restoration; and

WHEREAS, the Act would strengthen the national economy through investment in ports, harbors, and inland waterways, which will increase efficiency and support supply chains; and

WHEREAS, additionally, the Act would build more resilient communities by restoring natural infrastructure and ensuring new infrastructure helps to mitigate the effects of extreme weather and sea-level rise; and

WHEREAS, this legislation provides for critical commitments to Miami-Dade County’s needs, including \$184 million in new authorizations to improve the County’s wastewater infrastructure and support septic to sewer conversion, and the expedited completion of a feasibility study on a project to reduce the County’s hurricane and storm damage risk; and

WHEREAS, this legislation also provides funding for Everglades restoration, algal bloom research, saltwater intrusion risk-reduction, and coastal flood mitigation projects in South Florida; and

WHEREAS, due to rising sea levels and extreme weather events, communities in South Florida are particularly vulnerable to flooding; and

WHEREAS, the First Street Foundation estimates that at-risk homes in the United States will incur \$20 billion of flood damage in 2022, and that damage costs will increase to \$32 billion by 2051; and

WHEREAS, this Board and the County administration are addressing wastewater infrastructure issues, such as the conversion from septic tanks to the sanitary sewer system; and

WHEREAS, the Everglades is a crucial natural resource that significantly impacts the County's environment, economy, and water quality; and

WHEREAS, accordingly, this Board wishes to support the Water Resources Development Act of 2022,

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. 7776, the Water Resources Development Act of 2022, or similar legislation authorizing funding and projects for flood mitigation, wastewater infrastructure improvement, and Everglades restoration in South Florida and Miami-Dade County.

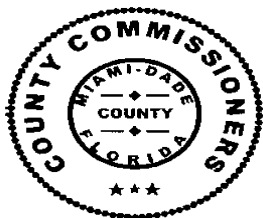
Section 2. Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to Representative Peter A. DeFazio and the Members of the Florida Congressional Delegation.

Section 3. Directs the County’s federal lobbyists to advocate for the passage of the legislation set forth in section 1 above, and authorizes and directs the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs to amend the 2022 Federal Legislative Package to include this item.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Raquel A. Regalado. 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	aye	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 19th day of July, 2022. 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: **Basia Pruna**
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "CMR", is written over a horizontal line.

Cristina M. Rabionet