

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(21)

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

DATE: September 1, 2022

FROM: Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution urging the Florida
Legislature to establish a
resilience revolving loan fund
and take such further action as is
necessary to make Florida
eligible to receive a capitalization
grant under the federal STORM
Act

Resolution No. R-858-22

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Eileen Higgins.



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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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9-1-22

RESOLUTION NO. R-858-22

RESOLUTION URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO
ESTABLISH A RESILIENCE REVOLVING LOAN FUND AND
TAKE SUCH FURTHER ACTION AS IS NECESSARY TO
MAKE FLORIDA ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE A
CAPITALIZATION GRANT UNDER THE FEDERAL STORM
ACT

WHEREAS, since 1980, the United States has experienced 265 weather and climate related events that have each cost \$1,000,000,000.00 or more in damages; and

WHEREAS, recent data shows that natural disasters are increasing in both frequency and strength, which puts an increased burden on insurance markets, can make certain risks increasingly difficult to insure, and can increase the cost of insurance for consumers; and

WHEREAS, according to the National Institute of Building Sciences, every dollar spent on natural disaster mitigation saves \$6.00; and

WHEREAS, it is therefore in the best interest of states to support resilience and mitigation projects to reduce this burden, reduce the cost of natural disasters, and save lives and property; and

WHEREAS, on December 18, 2020, the United States Congress adopted S. 3418, the “Safeguarding Tomorrow through Ongoing Risk Management Act,” or “STORM Act,” which on January 1, 2021, became Public Law 116-284; and

WHEREAS, the STORM Act authorizes the Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to enter into agreements with states to provide capitalization grants to fund states’ establishment of hazard mitigation revolving loan funds; and

WHEREAS, the hazard mitigation revolving loan funds would provide low-interest loans to local governments to carry out eligible projects to reduce disaster risks for homeowners, businesses, nonprofit organizations, and communities in order to decrease the loss of life and property, the cost of insurance, and federal disaster payments; and

WHEREAS, for the State of Florida to be eligible to receive a capitalization grant under the STORM Act, the State must establish a hazard mitigation revolving loan fund; and

WHEREAS, to promote resilience and protect the public health, safety, and welfare from the risks of natural disasters and similar hazards, this Board wishes to urge the Florida Legislature to establish a resilience revolving loan fund and take such further action as is necessary to make Florida eligible to receive a capitalization grant under the STORM Act,

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

Section 1. Urges the Florida Legislature to establish a resilience revolving loan fund and take such further action as is necessary to make the State of Florida eligible to receive a capitalization grant under the federal STORM Act.

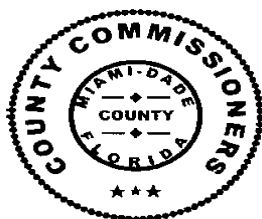
Section 2. Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit certified copies of this resolution to the Governor, the Senate President, the House Speaker, and the Chair and Members of the Miami-Dade State Legislative Delegation.

Section 3. Directs the County's state lobbyists to advocate for the legislation described in section 1 above, and authorizes and directs the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs to include this item in the 2023 State Legislative Package when it is presented to the Board.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Eileen Higgins. It was offered by Commissioner **Sally A. Heyman**, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **Rebeca Sosa** 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	absent
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, 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.

CJW

Christopher J. Wahl