

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(14)

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

DATE: November 15, 2022

FROM: Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution authorizing the utilization of the sister seaport program created under Resolution No. R-967-98 for the purpose of negotiating and executing a sister seaport agreement with the Port of New Orleans; directing the County Mayor to negotiate and, to the extent possible, execute a sister seaport agreement with the Port of New Orleans; and directing the County Mayor to provide a written report to the Board

Resolution No. R-1127-22

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor 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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RESOLUTION NO. _____ R-1127-22

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE UTILIZATION OF THE SISTER SEAPORT PROGRAM CREATED UNDER RESOLUTION NO. R-967-98 FOR THE PURPOSE OF NEGOTIATING AND EXECUTING A SISTER SEAPORT AGREEMENT WITH THE PORT OF NEW ORLEANS; DIRECTING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO NEGOTIATE AND, TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE, EXECUTE A SISTER SEAPORT AGREEMENT WITH THE PORT OF NEW ORLEANS; AND DIRECTING THE COUNTY MAYOR TO PROVIDE A WRITTEN REPORT TO THE BOARD

WHEREAS, it is economically and culturally beneficial to establish affiliations between the County and other cities, airports, and seaports throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, in the case of seaports, such affiliations are long-term cooperative relationships between seaports through which cultural, educational, business, and technical exchanges take place; and

WHEREAS, for these reasons, in 1998, this Board adopted Resolution Nos. R-967-98 and R-965-98 establishing international sister seaports and airports programs, resulting in many agreements between the County and foreign seaports and airports; and

WHEREAS, although the Port of New Orleans is in New Orleans, Louisiana, and is, therefore, not a seaport system in a foreign city as contemplated in Resolution No. R-967-98, the Board nonetheless finds that the beneficial exchanges contemplated through sister seaport agreements with international seaports would apply to a sister seaport agreement with the Port of New Orleans; and

WHEREAS, because of the great benefits in trade, tourism, cooperation, and understanding brought by sister seaport agreements, the Board would like to direct the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to negotiate, and to the extent possible, execute a sister seaport agreement with the Port of New Orleans,

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

Section 1. Adopts and incorporates the foregoing recitals and, notwithstanding the Port of New Orleans's status as a domestic port, authorizes the utilization of the sister seaport program created under Resolution No. R-967-98 for the purpose of negotiating and executing a sister seaport agreement with the Port of New Orleans.

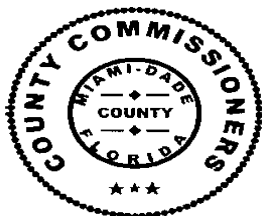
Section 2. Directs the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to negotiate, and to the extent possible, execute a sister seaport agreement with the Port of New Orleans in accordance with Resolution No. R-967-98.

Section 3. Directs the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to provide a written report to this Board within 60 days of the effective date of this resolution regarding the status of the negotiation and execution of the agreement in section 2 and to place the completed report on an agenda of the full Board without committee review pursuant to Ordinance No. 14-65.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Senator Javier D. Souto. It was offered by Commissioner **Rebeca Sosa**, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **Oliver G. Gilbert, III** 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	Kionne L. McGhee	aye
Jean Monestime	aye	Raquel A. Regalado	aye
Rebeca Sosa	aye	Sen. Javier D. Souto	absent

The Chairperson thereupon declared this resolution duly passed and adopted this 15th day of November, 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

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By: _____
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.

Ryan C. Zagare