

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(12)

TO: Honorable Chairman Oliver G. Gilbert, III
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: September 6, 2023

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 County Resolution No. R-1071-05 for the purpose of donating to the American Red Cross to support wildfire relief efforts on Maui, Hawaii; directing the County Mayor to publicize and make available forms for County employees to complete in order to contribute said leave time; and directing the County Mayor to effectuate the donation on behalf of the employees of Miami-Dade County and provide a report

Resolution No. R-711-23

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Juan Carlos Bermudez.



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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 *Daniella Leme Carvalho* Mayor
Veto _____
Override _____

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9-6-23

RESOLUTION NO. R-711-23

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 COUNTY RESOLUTION NO. R-1071-05 FOR THE PURPOSE OF DONATING TO THE AMERICAN RED CROSS TO SUPPORT WILDFIRE RELIEF EFFORTS ON MAUI, HAWAII; DIRECTING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO PUBLICIZE AND MAKE AVAILABLE FORMS FOR COUNTY EMPLOYEES TO COMPLETE IN ORDER TO CONTRIBUTE SAID LEAVE TIME; AND DIRECTING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO EFFECTUATE THE DONATION ON BEHALF OF THE EMPLOYEES OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY AND PROVIDE A REPORT

WHEREAS, on August 8, 2023, wildfires erupted on the Hawaiian island of Maui that have become the deadliest natural disaster in state history, and the deadliest wildfire in the U.S. in more than 100 years; and

WHEREAS, the fires spread rapidly due to very dry conditions stemming from a drought combined with powerful winds from Hurricane Dora as it passed roughly 500 miles south of the Hawaii island chain, which downed dozens of power poles in western Maui, sparking flames; and

WHEREAS, some residents escaped the terrifying wildfires by fleeing to the ocean while others perished in their cars and homes; and

WHEREAS, as of August 23, 2023, at least 115 people have been confirmed dead, and more than 1,000 people remain unaccounted for more than two weeks after the devastating wildfires ravaged the western part of Maui; and

WHEREAS, this inferno destroyed the historic town of Lahaina, burning thousands of residential and commercial buildings to the ground; and

WHEREAS, a Miami-Dade Fire Rescue canine search team has traveled to Maui to assist in recovering the bodies of the victims of the fire; and

WHEREAS, residents of Miami-Dade County have family members, friends, and business relationships with people who reside on Maui; and

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County has previously adopted resolutions to assist other communities devastated by natural disasters, including communities in: Turkey and Syria (Resolution No. R-99-23); Haiti (Resolution No. R-844-21), 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. R880-17), 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, to provide a mechanism for aiding other communities, this Board adopted County 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 help rebuild communities affected by natural disasters; and

WHEREAS, the American Red Cross has more than 400 trained disaster workers responding to the wildfires in Hawaii, and has provided approximately 71,500 meals and snacks, is supporting a Family Assistance Center on Maui, has successfully completed more than 2,400 reunification and welfare information requests, and has conducted about 2,800 damage assessments; and

WHEREAS, this Board wishes to permit contributions to support relief efforts undertaken because of the impacts of the recent wildfires on Maui, Hawaii,

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 County employees to contribute the monetary value of accrued holiday and annual leave time to the County's Emergency Disaster Relief Fund established by County Resolution No. R-1071-05 for the purpose of donating to the American Red Cross to support its wildfire relief efforts on the island of Maui, Hawaii.

Section 2. Directs the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to publicize and make available forms for employees to complete 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 donating to Maui wildfire relief efforts.

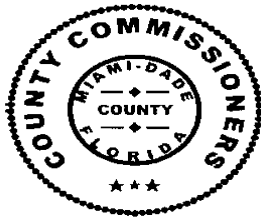
Section 3. Directs the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to effectuate this donation to the American Red Cross on behalf of the employees of Miami-Dade County to be used exclusively to support Maui wildfire relief efforts, and to prepare a report identifying the total

amount of funds donated by the employees of Miami-Dade County. The County Mayor or County Mayor's designee shall provide the report to this Board detailing the effectuation of this donation within 30 days after it is made and place the completed report on an agenda of the full Board without committee review pursuant to rule 5.06(j) of the Board's Rules of Procedure.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Juan Carlos Bermudez. It was offered by Commissioner **Anthony Rodriguez**, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **Kionne L. McGhee** and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Oliver G. Gilbert, III, Chairman	aye	
Anthony Rodríguez, Vice Chairman	aye	
Marleine Bastien	aye	Juan Carlos Bermudez aye
Kevin Marino Cabrera	aye	Sen. René García aye
Roberto J. Gonzalez	aye	Keon Hardemon aye
Danielle Cohen Higgins	aye	Eileen Higgins aye
Kionne L. McGhee	aye	Raquel A. Regalado aye
Micky Steinberg	aye	

The Chairperson thereupon declared this resolution duly passed and adopted this 6th day of September, 2023. 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

JUAN FERNANDEZ-BARQUIN, CLERK

By: Basia Pruna
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