

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 14(A)(1)

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

DATE: April 2, 2024

FROM: Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution expressing sympathy
and support for Baltimore
County, its residents, and the
families of the victims of the
collapse of the Francis Scott Key
Bridge

Resolution No. R-293-24

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 _____ Mayor
Veto _____
Override _____

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4-2-24

RESOLUTION NO. _____ R-293-24

RESOLUTION EXPRESSING SYMPATHY AND SUPPORT
FOR BALTIMORE COUNTY, ITS RESIDENTS, AND THE
FAMILIES OF THE VICTIMS OF THE COLLAPSE OF THE
FRANCIS SCOTT KEY BRIDGE

WHEREAS, on Tuesday, March 26, 2024, at about 1:30 a.m., a nearly 1,000-foot-long container ship crashed into a pillar of the Francis Scott Key Bridge in Baltimore, Maryland, causing parts of the bridge to collapse upon impact and sending eight people falling into the Patapsco River; and

WHEREAS, according to Baltimore officials, two of the individuals were rescued, with one person in critical condition; and

WHEREAS, late Tuesday night, March 26, 2024, the U.S. Coast Guard suspended its search and rescue efforts, and stated that the people who remained unaccounted for were presumed to be deceased; and

WHEREAS, the collapse of the Francis Scott Key Bridge, which was a vital transportation route for Maryland residents and many others traversing the East Coast, resulted in the closure of the Port of Baltimore and will produce long-lasting infrastructural challenges; and

WHEREAS, this Board wishes to express its sympathy and support for Baltimore County and its residents, including the emergency responders; and

WHEREAS, this Board also wishes to express its sympathy and support for the families of the victims,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that this Board expresses its sympathy and support for Baltimore County, its residents, and the families of the victims of the collapse of the Francis Scott Key Bridge.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Juan Carlos Bermudez. It was offered by Commissioner **Eileen Higgins**, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **Kevin Marino Cabrera** 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	absent
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 2nd day of April, 2024. 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.

Jose I. Ortega

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