

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 14(A)(3)

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

DATE: April 16, 2024

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 earthquake relief efforts in Taiwan; to publicize and make available forms for County employees to complete in order to contribute said leave time; and to effectuate the donation on behalf of the employees of Miami-Dade County

Resolution No. R-337-24

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Vice Chairman Anthony Rodríguez.


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County Attorney

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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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4-16-24

RESOLUTION NO. R-337-24

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 EARTHQUAKE RELIEF EFFORTS IN TAIWAN; TO PUBLICIZE AND MAKE AVAILABLE FORMS FOR COUNTY EMPLOYEES TO COMPLETE IN ORDER TO CONTRIBUTE SAID LEAVE TIME; AND TO EFFECTUATE THE DONATION ON BEHALF OF THE EMPLOYEES OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY

WHEREAS, on April 3, 2024, a magnitude 7.4 earthquake struck Taiwan, killing at least 13 people, injuring thousands more, causing landslides and infrastructure damage across the island, and leaving hundreds stranded and awaiting rescue as of April 11, 2024; and

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

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County has previously adopted resolutions to assist other communities devastated by natural disasters, including communities in: Hawaii (Resolution No. R-711-23); 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. R-880-17); 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, this Board wishes to seek guidance from the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office (TECO) located in Coral Gables, Florida, to help identify Taiwan's humanitarian needs, and to permit employee contributions to support relief efforts undertaken as a result of the impacts of the recent earthquake in Taiwan,

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 earthquake relief efforts in Taiwan.

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 earthquake relief efforts in Taiwan.

Section 3. Directs the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to contact the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office (TECO) located in Coral Gables, Florida, to help identify Taiwan's humanitarian needs, to consider any guidance or recommendations provided by TECO, to select one or more appropriate recipient organization(s), and to effectuate a donation to the selected organization(s) on behalf of the employees of Miami-Dade County to be used exclusively to support earthquake relief efforts in Taiwan.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Vice Chairman Anthony Rodríguez. It was offered by Commissioner **Eileen Higgins**, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **Raquel A. Regalado** and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

	Oliver G. Gilbert, III, Chairman	absent
	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 16th 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.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "M. Moffett", is written over a horizontal line.

Marlon D. Moffett