

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(13)

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

DATE: November 6, 2024

FROM: Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution urging the United
States Congress to replenish the
Small Business Administration's
disaster loan program

Resolution No. R-997-24

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Chairman Oliver G. Gilbert, III.



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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 ____, majority plus one ____, 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) ____, 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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11-6-24

RESOLUTION NO. R-997-24

RESOLUTION URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS
TO REPLENISH THE SMALL BUSINESS
ADMINISTRATION'S DISASTER LOAN PROGRAM

WHEREAS, following federally declared disasters, the United States Small Business Administration ("SBA") provides financial relief to business owners, nonprofits, homeowners, and renters with long-term, low-interest loans; and

WHEREAS, the SBA can make available disaster loans of up to \$500,000.00 to homeowners to repair or replace disaster-damaged or destroyed real estate and up to \$100,000.00 for homeowners or renters to repair or replace disaster-damaged personal property; and

WHEREAS, in addition, businesses may be eligible for loans up to \$2,000,000.00 for both physical damage and economic injury from business disruption; and

WHEREAS, on October 15, 2024, the SBA announced that it exhausted funds for its disaster loan program after increased demand from residents and businesses impacted by Hurricanes Helene and Milton; and

WHEREAS, the SBA has announced that it is pausing new loan offers for its direct, low-interest, long-term loans to disaster survivors until Congress appropriates additional funding; and

WHEREAS, given that Hurricane Season continues through November 30th, the availability of these resources are vital to Miami-Dade County's recovery, should the need arise; and

WHEREAS, because natural disasters can strike with little warning, especially in the State of Florida, this Board believes Congress should act swiftly to restore funding to the SBA’s disaster loan program,

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

Section 1. Urges the United States Congress to replenish the United States Small Business Administration’s disaster loan program.

Section 2. Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to President Joseph R. Biden, Jr., Senate Majority Leader Charles E. Schumer, House Speaker James M. Johnson, and the Members of the Florida Congressional Delegation.

Section 3. Directs the County’s federal lobbyists to advocate for the action described in Section 1 above and authorizes and directs the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs to amend the 2024 Federal Legislative Package to include this item.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Chairman Oliver G. Gilbert, III. It was offered by Commissioner **Danielle Cohen Higgins** , who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **Marleine Bastien** 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	absent
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 November, 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 black ink, appearing to be "JZ", is written over a horizontal line.

Javier Zapata