

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 14(A)(4)

TO: Honorable Chairman Anthony Rodriguez
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: January 22, 2025

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 in California; to publicize and make available forms for County employees to complete in order to contribute said leave time; to effectuate the donation on behalf of the employees of Miami-Dade County; and to provide a report

Resolution No. R-85-25

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Roberto J. Gonzalez.


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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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1-22-25

RESOLUTION NO. _____ R-85-25

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 IN CALIFORNIA; TO PUBLICIZE AND MAKE AVAILABLE FORMS FOR COUNTY EMPLOYEES TO COMPLETE IN ORDER TO CONTRIBUTE SAID LEAVE TIME; TO EFFECTUATE THE DONATION ON BEHALF OF THE EMPLOYEES OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY; AND TO PROVIDE A REPORT

WHEREAS, on January 7, 2025, a series of wildfires erupted in Southern California, killing at least 27 people, and destroying more than 15,000 structures; and

WHEREAS, these fires spread rapidly due to very dry conditions and powerful winds; and

WHEREAS, as of January 20, 2025, the two largest fires continued to threaten the area with the Palisades Fire having grown to 23,713 acres and being 59 percent contained, and the Eaton Fire having grown to 14,021 acres and being 87 percent contained; and

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

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County has previously adopted resolutions to assist other communities devastated by natural disasters, including communities in: Florida (Resolution No. R-958-24); Florida and Georgia (Resolution No. R-832-24); the Caribbean, Mexico and Texas (Resolution No. R-699-24); Taiwan (Resolution No. R-337-24); 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. 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 580 disaster workers responding to the wildfires in Southern California, and has provided more than 9,400 overnight shelter stays and almost 90,000 meals and snacks with the help of partners; and

WHEREAS, this Board wishes to permit contributions to support relief efforts undertaken because of the impacts of the recent wildfires in Southern California; and

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 in Southern California.

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 wildfire relief efforts in Southern California.

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 wildfire relief efforts in Southern California, 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 Roberto J. Gonzalez. 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:

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

The Chairperson thereupon declared this resolution duly passed and adopted this 22nd day of January, 2025. 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