

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(6)

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

DATE: March 18, 2025

FROM: Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution urging the United States Congress to appropriate \$625,000,000.00 in federal funds to counties within and surrounding the U.S. FIFA World Cup 2026 host cities to address critical safety and security needs relating to hosting the 2026 FIFA World Cup

Resolution No. R-297-25

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Eileen Higgins.



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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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3-18-25

RESOLUTION NO. _____ R-297-25

RESOLUTION URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS
TO APPROPRIATE \$625,000,000.00 IN FEDERAL FUNDS TO
COUNTIES WITHIN AND SURROUNDING THE U.S. FIFA
WORLD CUP 2026 HOST CITIES TO ADDRESS CRITICAL
SAFETY AND SECURITY NEEDS RELATING TO HOSTING
THE 2026 FIFA WORLD CUP

WHEREAS, the 2026 FIFA World Cup, marketed as FIFA World Cup 26, will be the 23rd FIFA World Cup and will take place from June 11 to July 19, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the tournament will be jointly hosted by 16 cities in the United States, Canada, and Mexico, with the majority of matches taking place in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. host cities are Atlanta, Boston, Dallas, Houston, Kansas City, Los Angeles, Miami, New York New Jersey, Philadelphia, San Francisco Bay Area, and Seattle (the “Host Cities”); and

WHEREAS, with six million national and international visitors expected across multiple counties, the 2026 FIFA World Cup is projected to generate more than \$18,000,000,000.00 in economic impact throughout the United States; and

WHEREAS, the 2026 FIFA World Cup’s projected 19 billion views make it a prime target for malicious actors, however, and intelligence from the U.S. National Counterterrorism Center highlights increased threats targeting stadiums and public gatherings related to these large public events, as exemplified by the recent New Year’s Eve terrorist attack in New Orleans as the Sugar Bowl was set to take place; and

WHEREAS, the Host Cities and their surrounding communities thus face unprecedented operational challenges due to the scale and geographic scope of this international event; and

WHEREAS, accordingly, federal support is essential for emergency management agencies, public health departments, and regional coordination centers to effectively mitigate these risks while maintaining essential services for the residents of the Host Cities throughout their communities during the extended period of the 2026 FIFA World Cup; and

WHEREAS, working with their respective Host Cities, counties within and surrounding the Host Cities will bear significant responsibility for transportation infrastructure, public health monitoring, emergency management, and security coordination that extends well beyond municipal boundaries; and

WHEREAS, the estimated cost of direct safety and security needs for the Host Cities is \$625,000,000.00, which will help cover the following essential services:

- expanded emergency management operations;
- coordination of multi-jurisdictional emergency response;
- enhanced public health monitoring and emergency medical services;
- heightened screening at major transportation hubs;
- training and readiness exercises that will include county personnel; and
- cybersecurity defenses for information systems and critical infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, this Board therefore wishes to urge the United States Congress to appropriate \$625,000,000.00 in federal funds to counties within and surrounding the Host Cities to address critical safety and security needs relating to hosting the 2026 FIFA World Cup,

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 appropriate \$625,000,000.00 in federal funds to counties within and surrounding the U.S. FIFA World Cup 2026 host cities to address critical safety and security needs relating to hosting the 2026 FIFA World Cup.

Section 2. Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to 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 include this item in the 2025 Federal Legislative Package when it is presented to the Board.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Eileen Higgins. It was offered by Commissioner **Roberto J. Gonzalez** , 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:

	Anthony Rodriguez, Chairman	aye	
	Kionne L. McGhee, Vice Chairman	aye	
Marleine Bastien	aye	Juan Carlos Bermudez	aye
Kevin Marino Cabrera	absent	Sen. René García	aye
Oliver G. Gilbert, III	aye	Roberto J. Gonzalez	aye
Keon Hardemon	aye	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 18th day of March, 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.

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Michael J. Mastrucci
Richard F. Appleton