

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(9)

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

DATE: May 6, 2025

FROM: Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution urging the United States Congress to pass a bill known as the Consolidating Aerospace Programs Efficiently at Canaveral (CAPE Canaveral) Act, or similar legislation to require the headquarters of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration to be transferred to Brevard County, Florida

Resolution No. R-445-25

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


Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

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(Revised)

TO: Honorable Chairman Anthony Rodriguez
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FROM: 
Cliff Bonzon-Keenan
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

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Veto _____

5-6-25

Override _____

RESOLUTION NO. _____ R-445-25

RESOLUTION URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO PASS A BILL KNOWN AS THE CONSOLIDATING AEROSPACE PROGRAMS EFFICIENTLY AT CANAVERAL (CAPE CANAVERAL) ACT, OR SIMILAR LEGISLATION TO REQUIRE THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION TO BE TRANSFERRED TO BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County has a rich and longstanding history and tradition in the aviation and aerospace history dating back to the early part of the 20th century through today; and

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County is currently in a position to lead the way in creating and expanding an ecosystem that will support growth and opportunity in the aerospace industry; and

WHEREAS, the County hosted an aerospace roundtable discussion that was attended by representatives from major aerospace institutions and companies, including NASA, Space Florida, major aerospace manufacturers such as Boeing and Airbus, the Miami-Dade School Board and major South Florida universities, and aerospace maintenance, repair and overhaul (“MRO”) companies; and

WHEREAS, several of the roundtable discussion attendees, including NASA and Space Florida, believe that Miami-Dade County is primed to be one of the next frontiers in the growth of Florida’s aerospace industry; and

WHEREAS, in support of that assertion, according to statements made by NASA and Space Florida during the roundtable discussion, there are numerous aerospace components, such as rockets, that are manufactured in other parts of the United States and shipped long distances to the Kennedy Space Center; and

WHEREAS, participants agreed that many of those components together with other ancillary technology could be developed and manufactured closer to the Kennedy Space Center, including in the County; and

WHEREAS, according to a presentation made by Space Florida, the aerospace industry is growing quickly, with emphasis on the growth of the global satellite manufacturing and launch systems markets, the global air mobility and MRO markets, and the aircraft manufacturing and flight simulator markets; and

WHEREAS, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (“NASA”) is responsible for the nation’s civil space exploration, science, and research programs, and is the global leader in space exploration; and

WHEREAS, Florida’s Space Coast is home to the Kennedy Space Center, arguably NASA’s most important facility; and

WHEREAS, according to NASA, Kennedy Space Center is the world’s premier multi-user spaceport with nearly 100 private-sector partners and more than 240 partnership agreements; and

WHEREAS, according to Space Florida, the average annual wage for Florida workers in the aerospace industry is over \$100,000.00 with the Florida aviation industry producing well over \$300,000,000,000.00 in economic impact; and

WHEREAS, the Miami-Dade Beacon Council has identified “Aviation and Aerospace” as a targeted industry that is primed for steady growth given the County’s already robust aviation industry and history; and

WHEREAS, according to the Miami-Dade Beacon Council, the Aviation and Aerospace industry in Miami-Dade County already supports more than 88,000 jobs, and MIA, along with smaller regional airfields, drives substantial economic growth, generating \$26,000,000,000.00 in annual economic return; and

WHEREAS, the Miami-Dade Beacon Council further states that Miami-Dade County's aerospace and aviation businesses lead the way in industries such as "AI-driven logistics to advanced aircraft maintenance" with "robust Maintenance, Repair, and Overhaul ("MRO") services" and "emerging innovative projects like electric vertical takeoff and landing ("eVTOL") aircraft" all of which can serve as a base of expansion for the sector; and

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County has an existing and growing education and training pipeline that includes several prominent universities, Miami-Dade County Public Schools such as the George T. Baker Technical College, the Barrington Irving Technical Training Institute ("BITTS"), and other institutions that offer professional and technical education and preparation for jobs in the aviation and aerospace industries; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Legislature has already designated certain land within Miami-Dade which was formerly included within the boundaries of Homestead Air Force Base and is included within the boundaries of Homestead Air Reserve Base or deeded to Miami-Dade County as one of Florida's only seven spaceport territories; and

WHEREAS, thus, the County has the opportunity to directly benefit from the projected growth in Florida's aviation and aerospace sector; and

WHEREAS, on March 14, 2025, United States Senator Ashley Moody introduced a Bill in the United States Senate known as the "Consolidating Aerospace Programs Efficiently at Canaveral Act" or "CAPE Canaveral Act," to require the headquarters of NASA to be transferred to Brevard County, Florida; and

WHEREAS, according to Senator Moody, “Florida is the gateway to space and this commonsense proposal would save taxpayers money, encourage collaboration with private space companies, and tap into Florida’s talented workforce to spur further innovation”; and

WHEREAS, this Board desires to urge the United States Congress to pass the CAPE Canaveral Act, or similar legislation, to require that the headquarters of NASA be transferred to Brevard County, Florida,

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 pass the CAPE Canaveral Act, or similar legislation, to require that the headquarters of NASA be transferred to Brevard County, Florida.

Section 2. Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to Senator Ashley Moody, Senator Rick Scott, and the remaining 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 2025 Federal Legislative Package to include this item.

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 **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
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
District 6 - Vacant			

The Chairperson thereupon declared this resolution duly passed and adopted this 6th day of May, 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.

Ryan C. Zagare