

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(14)

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

DATE: October 9, 2025

FROM: Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution urging the U.S. Department of Homeland Security ("DHS") and the U.S. Transportation and Security Administration ("TSA") to institute the "Families on the Fly" program at Miami International Airport ("MIA") as expeditiously as possible; directing the County Mayor to work with the DHS and the TSA to bring the "Families on the Fly" program to MIA as expeditiously as possible; and directing the County Mayor to provide a report to this board regarding such efforts within 90 days of the effective date of this resolution

Resolution No. R-984-25

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



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MEMORANDUM (Revised)

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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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10-9-25

RESOLUTION NO. R-984-25

RESOLUTION URGING THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY (“DHS”) AND THE U.S. TRANSPORTATION AND SECURITY ADMINISTRATION (“TSA”) TO INSTITUTE THE “FAMILIES ON THE FLY” PROGRAM AT MIAMI INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT (“MIA”) AS EXPEDITIOUSLY AS POSSIBLE; DIRECTING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR’S DESIGNEE TO WORK WITH THE DHS AND THE TSA TO BRING THE “FAMILIES ON THE FLY” PROGRAM TO MIA AS EXPEDITIOUSLY AS POSSIBLE; AND DIRECTING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR’S DESIGNEE TO PROVIDE A REPORT TO THIS BOARD REGARDING SUCH EFFORTS WITHIN 90 DAYS OF THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Miami International Airport (“MIA”) is one of the nation’s busiest airports, ranking first and second in the nation for international freight and international passenger travel, respectively; and

WHEREAS, MIA is not only the Gateway of the Americas, but it is also a major hub for traveling families who use MIA to visit South Florida’s myriad family-friendly destinations, including Port Miami, the cruise capital of the world; and

WHEREAS, air travel is typically more stressful for traveling families, particularly with small kids and particularly during the security screening process; and

WHEREAS, in addition to managing small kids, traveling families typically have additional items, such as strollers and diaper bags, which cause families to need more time and attention from TSA officers than other members of the traveling public; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (“DHS”) recently announced the creation of a program called “Families on the Fly,” a Transportation Security Administration (“TSA”) initiative designed to enhance hospitality for families during the airport security screening experience; and

WHEREAS, according to a DHS press release, “Families on the Fly” will offer families dedicated TSA screening lanes and discounted TSA PreCheck fees; and

WHEREAS, in addition to benefiting families, having dedicated security lines for families will also benefit the traveling public generally because security screening wait times in non-family lines will be shorter; and

WHEREAS, “Families on the Fly” is not currently available at MIA; and

WHEREAS, according to a DHS press release, “Families on the Fly” will roll out at select airports including Charleston International Airport (CHS), Jacksonville International (JAX), Rhode Island T. F. Green International Airport (PVD), Luis Muñoz Marín International Airport (SJU), and Tampa International Airport (TPA) with additional airports slated for addition in the coming months.”; and

WHEREAS, this Board desires that the “Families on the Fly” program be instituted at MIA as expeditiously as possible,

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

Section 1. Incorporates the foregoing recitals herein and approves same.

Section 2. Urges the DHS and TSA to institute the “Families on the Fly” program at Miami International Airport as expeditiously as possible.

Section 3. Directs the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to work with the DHS and the TSA to bring the "Families on the Fly" program to MIA as expeditiously as possible.

Section 4. Directs the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to provide, within 90 days of the effective date of this Resolution, a report regarding the status of the administration's efforts to bring the "Families on the Fly" program to MIA. Such report shall be placed on an agenda of the full Board, without committee review, pursuant to rule 5.06(j) of the Board's Rules of Procedure.

Section 5. Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit a certified copy of this Resolution to the members of the Florida Congressional Delegation, U.S. Department of Homeland Security Secretary Kristi Noem, and Deputy Transportation Security Administration Administrator Ha Nguyen McNeill.

Section 6. Directs the County's federal lobbyists to advocate for the actions set forth in section 2 above, and authorizes and directs the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs to amend the 2025 Federal Legislative Package to include this item and to include this item in the 2026 Federal Legislative Package when it is presented to the Board.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Natalie Milian Orbis and the Co-Sponsor is Commissioner Roberto J. Gonzalez. It was offered by Commissioner **Raquel A. Regalado**, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **Marleine Bastien** 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
Natalie Milian Orbis	aye	Raquel A. Regalado	aye
Micky Steinberg	aye		

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 9th day of October, 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 dark ink, appearing to read "RZ", written over a horizontal line.

Ryan Zagare