

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(8)

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 United States Army Corps of Engineers to study beach erosion in the 69th street segment of the North Beach area in the City of Miami Beach; and urging the United States Congress to allocate funding for a beach renourishment project at said 69th street segment

Resolution No. R-978-25

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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10-9-25

RESOLUTION NO. R-978-25

RESOLUTION URGING THE UNITED STATES ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS TO STUDY BEACH EROSION IN THE 69TH STREET SEGMENT OF THE NORTH BEACH AREA IN THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH; AND URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO ALLOCATE FUNDING FOR A BEACH RENOURISHMENT PROJECT AT SAID 69TH STREET SEGMENT

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County beaches are known worldwide as a prime tourist destination, and tourism is one of the County's most important economic engines; and

WHEREAS, the County's beaches also provide storm protection for beachfront infrastructure and animal habitats; and

WHEREAS, for these reasons, the County and federal and state agencies coordinate to protect the County's beaches from the effects of sea and wind erosion; and

WHEREAS, the Miami-Dade County Beach Erosion Control and Hurricane Surge Protection Project was authorized by the United States Congress in 1966 to address severe beach erosion along the County's shoreline, and to address associated economic and social impacts; and

WHEREAS, the resulting plan, developed and implemented through the United States Army Corps of Engineers ("Corps"), called for the construction of a 10.5-mile protective beach fill extending from Government Cut through Haulover Beach Park; and

WHEREAS, to improve the performance and cost-effectiveness of the Beach Erosion Control and Hurricane Surge Protection Project, numerous studies have been conducted to better identify problem areas, assess the causal factors for high erosion rates, and develop recommendations for remediating these areas; and

WHEREAS, the recommendations for managing problem areas range from no action to structural solutions such as breakwaters and groins; and

WHEREAS, the 69th street segment of the North Beach area in the City of Miami Beach has exhibited dynamic sand loss under high wave and wind conditions; and

WHEREAS, the County's Department of Parks, Recreation, and Open Spaces ("PROS") and Division of Environmental Resources Management of the Department of Regulatory and Economic Resources ("DERM") have temporarily relocated sand into the 69th street segment; and

WHEREAS, PROS and DERM continue to inspect and monitor the 69th street segment to assess long-term needs and report to the Corps in order to secure funding for the next renourishment project; and

WHEREAS, this Board wishes to urge the Corps to study beach erosion in the 69th street segment, and to urge the United States Congress to allocate funding for a beach renourishment project at the 69th street segment,

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 Army Corps of Engineers to study beach erosion in the 69th street segment of the North Beach area in the City of Miami Beach.

Section 2. Urges the United States Congress to allocate funding for a beach renourishment project at the 69th street segment described in section 1 above.

Section 3. Directs the Clerk of the Board to send a certified copy of this resolution to the members of the Florida Congressional Delegation and the District Commander of the United States Army Corps of Engineers, Jacksonville District.

Section 4. Directs the County’s federal lobbyists to advocate for the funding described in section 2 above, 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 Eileen Higgins. 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 this 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 black ink, appearing to read "CMR".

Cristina M. Rabionet