

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(14)

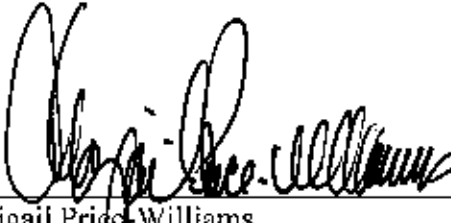
TO: Honorable Chairman Esteban L. Bovo, Jr.
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: June 5, 2018

FROM: Abigail Price-Williams
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution urging the United States Congress and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to expeditiously fund the South Atlantic coastal study, authorized in 2016, to assess and identify the risks and vulnerabilities of South Atlantic coastal areas to increased hurricane and storm damage due to sea level rise

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Daniella Levine Cava.



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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 ____, 3/5's ____, unanimous ____) 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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6-5-18

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS AND THE U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS TO EXPEDITIOUSLY FUND THE SOUTH ATLANTIC COASTAL STUDY, AUTHORIZED IN 2016, TO ASSESS AND IDENTIFY THE RISKS AND VULNERABILITIES OF SOUTH ATLANTIC COASTAL AREAS TO INCREASED HURRICANE AND STORM DAMAGE DUE TO SEA LEVEL RISE

WHEREAS, South Florida is understood to be particularly vulnerable to the effects of sea level rise, due to the area's low elevation, vast coastline, and proximity to the ocean; and

WHEREAS, according to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), sea levels are projected to rise between 0.89 ft. and 2.89 ft. in coastal areas of Miami-Dade County by the year 2050; and

WHEREAS, communities in Miami-Dade County are consequently at the forefront of confronting the challenges presented by sea level rise and in developing solutions to protect our residents, property, and quality of life; and

WHEREAS, in 2016, the United States Congress enacted the Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation Act (the "WIIN Act"), which directed the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (the "Corps") to conduct a South Atlantic coastal study; and

WHEREAS, the WIIN Act authorized the study within the coastal areas of the South Atlantic Division of the Corps of Engineers to assess and identify the risks and vulnerabilities of those areas to increased hurricane and storm damage resulting from sea level rise; and

WHEREAS, the WIIN Act directed that, in carrying out the study, the Corps shall:

- Perform a comprehensive analysis of current hurricane and storm damage reduction measures, giving emphasis to regional sediment management practices to sustainably maintain or enhance current storm protection levels;
 - Identify, and make recommendations to address, the risks and coastal vulnerabilities in areas affected by sea level rise; and
 - Develop a long-term strategy for addressing increased damages due to hurricanes and storms caused by sea level rise; and
 - Develop such a strategy for identifying opportunities to further resiliency and sustainability and lower risks in areas with concentrated economic development, high populations, and vulnerable environmental resources; and
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WHEREAS, the WIIN Act further directed that, within four years of the date of enactment, the Corps shall submit to the Committee on Environment and Public Works of the Senate and the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives a report recommending specific and detailed actions to address the risks and vulnerabilities associated with sea level rise identified in the study; and

WHEREAS, division B, title IV of the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018 appropriated \$135 million to the Corps “for ‘Investigations’ for necessary expenses related to the completion, or initiation and completion, of flood and storm damage reduction, including shore protection, studies which are currently authorized or which are authorized after the date of enactment of this subdivision, to reduce risk from future floods and hurricanes, at full Federal expense”; and

WHEREAS, it may be possible for the Corps to utilize this funding to complete the South Atlantic coastal study, should it choose to do so; and

WHEREAS, on January 22, 2018, the County Mayor penned a letter to the members of the Southeast Florida Congressional Delegation urging their support for the fiscal year 2018 federal appropriations bill and the 2018 Disaster Recovery Supplemental providing for 100 percent federal funding of the South Atlantic coast study authorized by the WIIN Act, with the necessary language and funding to ensure inclusion of the previously authorized Central and South Florida Flood Control Project (C&SF Project) and its area as part of the study; and

WHEREAS, however, Congress has not yet fully appropriated funding for the specific purpose of completing the South Atlantic coastal study; and

WHEREAS, if fully funded and completed, the South Atlantic coastal study would be beneficial to Miami-Dade County as this community continues to address the challenges presented by sea level rise,

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 and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to expeditiously fund the South Atlantic coastal study, authorized in 2016 to assess and identify the risks and vulnerabilities of South Atlantic coastal areas to increased hurricane and storm damage due to sea level rise.

Section 2. Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit certified copies of this resolution to the members of the Florida Congressional Delegation and the U.S. Secretary of the Army, Civil Works.

Section 3. Directs the County's federal lobbyists to advocate for the legislation described in Section 1 above, and directs the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs to amend the 2018 Federal Legislative Package to include this item.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Daniella Levine Cava. It was offered by Commissioner _____, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner _____ and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

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| Esteban L. Bovo, Jr., Chairman | |
| Audrey M. Edmonson, Vice Chairwoman | |
| Daniella Levine Cava | Jose "Pepe" Diaz |
| Sally A. Heyman | Barbara J. Jordan |
| Joe A. Martinez | Jean Monestime |
| Dennis C. Moss | Rebeca Sosa |
| Sen. Javier D. Souto | Xavier L. Suarez |

District 5 - Vacant

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 5th day of June, 2018. 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

HARVEY RUVIN, CLERK

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.



James Eddie Kirtley

