



City of Miami

Legislation

Resolution: R-20-0115

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A RESOLUTION OF THE MIAMI CITY COMMISSION URGING THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AND THE STATE OF FLORIDA ("STATE"), BOTH AT ALL NECESSARY AND APPROPRIATE LEVELS, (A) TO BASE ALL FUTURE AID REGARDING THE NOVEL CORONAVIRUS COVID-2019 DISEASE ("COVID-19") TO BE DISTRIBUTED DIRECTLY TO AND BASED UPON THE NUMBER OF POSITIVE CASES OF COVID-19 IN EACH MUNICIPALITY AND NOT ON POPULATION AND (B) SPECIFICALLY TO ALLOW AID TO BE PROVIDED TO MUNICIPALITIES WITH POPULATIONS OF LESS THAN 500,000 RESIDENTS FOR PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE DIRECT AND INDIRECT COSTS AND EXPENSES; DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK TO TRANSMIT CERTIFIED COPIES OF THIS RESOLUTION TO THE OFFICIALS NAMED HEREIN.

SPONSOR(S): Mayor Francis X. Suarez

WHEREAS, in connection with the ongoing novel coronavirus disease COVID 2019 ("COVID-19"), the Coronavirus Preparedness and Response Supplemental Appropriations Act and related provisions of regulatory orders and Federal budgeting (collectively, "CARES Act") adopted at the Federal level do not allow direct funding to municipalities with populations of less than 500,000 residents, but instead require any funding to go to the applicable state instead of to the local communities impacted; and

WHEREAS, United States municipalities at all levels of population need to be able to receive expedited direct Federal funding as they are the public entities and public servants on the ground (a) implementing the necessary local protections and mitigations daily on a 24-hour basis to combat the COVID-19 pandemic and (b) daily fronting the costs and expenses of such protections and mitigations; and

WHEREAS, currently, the City of Miami ("City") would not receive funding under the CARES Act's resident numbers provisions as adopted and it is in the best interests of the City to urge the Federal government and the State of Florida ("State"), both at all levels, to base all levels of funding, whether by current or future additions, amendments, modifications, or supplements to the CARES Act or any other Federal or State funding legislation, orders, or other means in connection with COVID-19, to be distributed directly to and based upon the number of positive cases of COVID-19 in each municipality and not based upon population; and

WHEREAS, also in connection with the COVID-19 pandemic, it is in the best interests of the City to urge the Federal and State governments, both at all levels, to specifically allow aid to be provided to municipalities with populations of less than 500,000 residents for past, present, and future direct and indirect costs and expenses; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 2-33(f) of the Code of the City of Miami, Florida, as amended, the City Commission, by a majority vote, hereby deems this Resolution to be of an emergency nature;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI, FLORIDA:

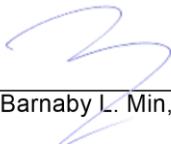
Section 1. The recitals and findings contained in the Preamble to this Resolution are adopted by reference and incorporated as if fully set forth in this Section.

Section 2. The Miami City Commission hereby urges the Federal Government and State, both at all necessary and appropriate levels, (a) to base all future aid regarding COVID-19 to be distributed directly to each municipality based upon the number of positive cases of COVID-19 in each municipality and not based upon population and (b) specifically to allow aid to be provided to municipalities with populations of less than 500,000 residents for past, present, and future direct and indirect costs and expenses.

Section 3. The City Clerk is directed to transmit certified copies of this Resolution to President Donald J. Trump, Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer, Speaker Nancy Pelosi, Majority Leader Steny Hoyer, Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy, Senator Marco Rubio, Senator Rick Scott, Congresswoman Donna Shalala, Governor Ron DeSantis, Senate President Bill Galvano, Majority Leader Kathleen Passidomo, Minority Leader Audrey Gibson, Speaker Jose R. Oliva, Speaker Pro Tempore MaryLynn Magar, Majority Leader Dane Eagle, Democratic Leader Kionne L. McGhee, and all Members of the Miami-Dade State Legislative Delegation.

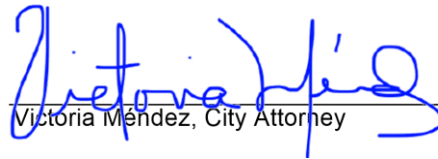
Section 4. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND CORRECTNESS:



Barnaby L. Min, Deputy City Attorney

4/10/2020



Victoria Mendez, City Attorney

4/13/2020