

**RESOLUTION NO. 22- 1808**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING GOVERNOR RON DESANTIS'S GAS TAX HOLIDAY; PROVIDING FOR INSTRUCTIONS TO THE TOWN CLERK; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF RECITALS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (DIEGUEZ)**

**WHEREAS**, in November of 2021 Governor Ron DeSantis announced he was proposing a \$1 billion dollar tax break in the form of a gas tax holiday in his proposed 2022-2023 budget;

**WHEREAS**, Miami-Dade County has an inadequate public transit network that forces hundreds of thousands to commute by car or other gas powered vehicles on a daily basis to work, doctor appointments, and more;

**WHEREAS**, as a result of supply chain disruptions, inflation, and fears of international conflict have caused gas prices in Miami-Dade County and nationally to spike;

**WHEREAS**, runaway gas prices compound the challenges of daily living faced by working class residents of Miami-Dade County by cutting into already low wages and salaries;

**WHEREAS**, the proposed gas tax relief plan would benefit the local economy by further encouraging tourism;

**WHEREAS**, the Florida Department of Transportation's work plan will be unaffected by the proposed gas tax relief plan;

**WHEREAS**, for the foregoing reasons, Governor DeSantis's proposal is worthy of consideration as one immediate way to provide tax relief to all residents of Miami-Dade County;

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Miami Lakes Council ("Town Council"), believes the Florida Legislature should give strong consideration to adopting the Governor's proposal in the next fiscal year's budget and in subsequent budget years as one way to provide meaningful and continuing tax relief to all residents and bolster the local economy; and

**WHEREAS**, The Town Council, during their January 2022 Council Meeting, found it necessary to urge our state officials to adopt the proposed gas tax holiday as the best way to provide meaningful and continuing relief for all residents of Miami Lakes and beyond.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE  
TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section1. Recitals.** The foregoing Recitals are true and correct and incorporated herein by this reference.

**Section2. Support for the Governor's Proposed Gas Tax Holiday.** The Town Council hereby supports and urges our State Representatives and State Senator to encourage legislative leaders to take up the Governor's gas tax relief plan for the reasons set out above in the FY 2022-2023 budget and subsequent budgets.

**Section 3. Instructions to the Clerk.** The Town Clerk is hereby instructed to provide a copy of this Resolution to our State Representatives and State Senator.


**Section 4. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

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Passed and adopted this 17<sup>th</sup> day of February 2022

The foregoing resolution was offered by Councilmember Dieguez who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Fernandez and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Mayor Manny Cid	Absent
Vice Mayor Jeffrey Rodriguez	Yes
Councilmember Carlos O. Alvarez	Absent
Councilmember Luis E. Collazo	Yes
Councilmember Josh Dieguez	Yes
Councilmember Tony Fernandez	Yes
Councilmember Marilyn Ruano	Yes



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MANNY CID  
MAYOR


Attest:



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Gina M. Inguanzo  
TOWN CLERK

Approved as to form and legal sufficiency:



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TOWN ATTORNEY