

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 14(A)(16)

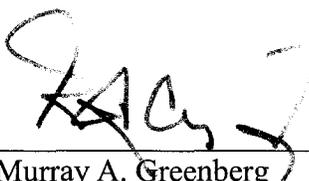
TO: Honorable Chairman Joe A. Martinez
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: March 21, 2006

FROM: Murray A. Greenberg
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution urging the
Florida Legislature to
create the Florida Solar
Incentive Program

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Commissioner Katy Sorenson.

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Murray A. Greenberg
County Attorney

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(Revised)

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Please note any items checked.

- "4-Day Rule" ("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**
- Bid waiver requiring County Manager's written recommendation**
- Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Manager's report for public hearing**
- Housekeeping item (no policy decision required)**
- No committee review**

Approved _____ Mayor

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Veto _____

03-21-06

Override _____

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO
PASS LEGISLATION CREATING THE FLORIDA SOLAR
INCENTIVE PROGRAM AND PROVIDE FINANCIAL
INCENTIVES THAT WOULD ENCOURAGE THE
INSTALLATION OF SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEMS

WHEREAS, solar energy offers the promise of improving the environment and reducing dependence on imported oil and fossil fuels; and

WHEREAS, bills have been filed for consideration during the 2006 state legislative session, SB 2478 by Senator Paula Dockery and HB 713 by Representative Dorothy Hukill, that would create the Florida Solar Incentive Program; and

WHEREAS, these bills provide financial incentives to encourage the installation of solar energy systems on commercial and residential buildings and facilities operated by public and private not-for-profit organizations; and

WHEREAS, HB 713 has been co-sponsored by several members of the Miami-Dade County State Legislative Delegation, including Representatives Anitere Flores, Julio Robaina, and Juan Zapata; and

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County has gone on record as supporting solar energy development and construction of green buildings for some time now; and

WHEREAS, through Ordinance No. 05-91, this Board modified Miami-Dade County's Targeted Jobs Incentive Fund Program (TJIF) to provide additional incentives to companies that are in the business of solar thermal and photovoltaic manufacturing, installation and repair, and

companies that have a building or facility that qualifies as "green construction" and/or that incorporates solar or other alternative energy systems; and

WHEREAS, through Resolution No. 1200-05, this Board declared that it is the policy of Miami-Dade County to encourage the incorporation of sustainable development building measures, including the use of solar energy systems, into the design, construction, renovation and maintenance of County-owned, County-financed, and County-operated buildings; and

WHEREAS, adoption of the proposed state solar energy incentive program will provide a strong mechanism to aggressively pursue these County goals,

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

Section 1. Urges the Florida Legislature to pass SB 2478, HB 713 or similar legislation that would create the Florida Solar Incentive Program and provide financial incentives to encourage the installation of solar energy systems.

Section 2. Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the Governor, Senate President, House Speaker, Senator Paula Dockery, Representative Dorothy Hukill, and the Chair and Members of the Miami-Dade County State Legislative Delegation.

Section 3. Directs the County's state lobbyists to advocate for the passage of the legislation set forth in Section 1 above, and directs the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs to include this item in the 2006 State Legislative Package.

The foregoing resolution was sponsored by Commissioner Katy Sorenson and 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:

Joe A. Martinez, Chairman	
Dennis C. Moss, Vice-Chairman	
Bruno A. Barreiro	Jose "Pepe" Diaz
Audrey M. Edmonson	Carlos A. Gimenez
Sally A. Heyman	Barbara J. Jordan
Dorrrin D. Rolle	Natacha Seijas
Katy Sorenson	Rebeca Sosa
Sen. Javier D. Souto	

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 21st day of March, 2006. This resolution shall become effective ten (10) days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this 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.

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Jess M. McCarty

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