

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 14(A)(18)

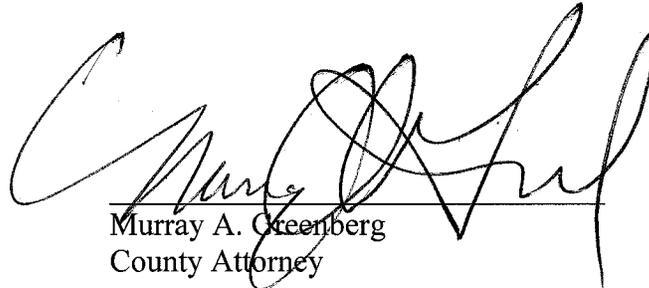
TO: Honorable Chairman Joe A. Martinez
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: December 19, 2006

FROM: Murray A. Greenberg
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution Urging the
Florida Legislature to
Ratify the Proposed Equal
Rights Amendment to the
U.S. Constitution

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Commissioner Katy Sorenson, Commissioner Audrey M. Edmonson and Commissioner Sally A. Heyman.



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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

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Approved _____ Mayor
Veto _____
Override _____

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12-19-06

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO
RATIFY THE PROPOSED EQUAL RIGHTS AMENDMENT TO
THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION

WHEREAS, in 1923, three years after women won the right to vote, the Equal Rights Amendment to the United States Constitution was introduced in Congress; and

WHEREAS, on March 22, 1972, the proposed Amendment to the United States Constitution was sent to the States for ratification; and

WHEREAS, the Equal Rights Amendment to the United States Constitution states:

"SECTION 1. Equality of rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of sex.

SECTION 2. The Congress shall have the power to enforce, by appropriate legislation, the provisions of this article.

SECTION 3. This amendment shall take effect two years after the date of ratification."

WHEREAS, Congress placed a deadline of June 30, 1982, on the ratification process and thirty-five states ratified the proposed Amendment before the deadline; and

WHEREAS, Florida was not one of the thirty-five states that ratified the Equal Rights Amendment before the deadline expired; and

WHEREAS, Congress may not have the constitutional authority to place a deadline on the ratification process; and

WHEREAS, Article V of the United States Constitution allows the Legislature of the State of Florida to ratify this proposed Amendment to the United States Constitution, and bills have been filed in both the Florida House and Senate to ratify the proposed Amendment; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Miami-Dade County, Florida finds that the proposed Amendment is meaningful and needed as part of the United States Constitution and that the present political, social and economic conditions are the same or are even more pressing as when the proposed Amendment was first submitted for adoption,

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

Section 1. Urges the Florida Legislature to ratify the proposed Equal Rights Amendment to the United States Constitution.

Section 2. Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the Governor, Senate President, House Speaker, 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 issue set forth in Section 1 above, and directs the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs to include this item in the 2007 State Legislative Package.

The foregoing resolution was sponsored by Commissioner Katy Sorenson, Commissioner Audrey M. Edmonson and Commissioner Sally A. Heyman 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:

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| 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 |
| Dorrin D. Rolle | Natacha Seijas |
| Katy Sorenson | Rebeca Sosa |
| Sen. Javier D. Souto | |

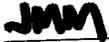
The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 19th December, 2006. This resolution shall become effective ten (10) days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board.

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.



Jess M. McCarty

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