

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(37)

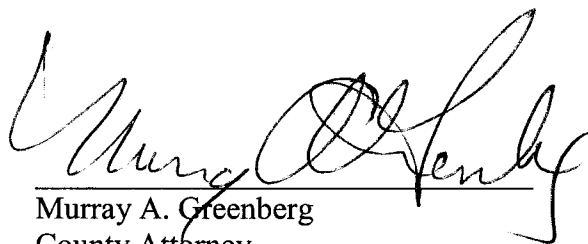
TO: Honorable Chairman Bruno A. Barreiro
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: April 24, 2007

FROM: Murray A. Greenberg
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution directing County
Manager to direct Agricultural
Manager to complete a biofuel
production feasibility study,
and seek grants and other
funding sources for
development of fuel crops,
ethanol and biodiesel
production

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


Murray A. Greenberg
County Attorney

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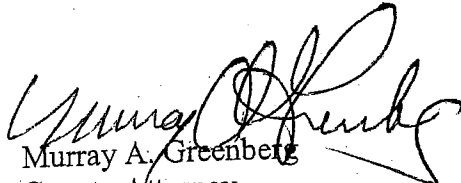


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Please note any items checked.

- "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
Veto _____
Override _____

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04-24-07

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION DIRECTING COUNTY MANAGER TO DIRECT THE AGRICULTURAL MANAGER TO COMPLETE A BIOFUEL PRODUCTION FEASIBILITY STUDY, AND SEEK GRANTS AND OTHER FUNDING SOURCES FOR THE FEASIBILITY STUDY AND DEVELOPMENT OF FUEL CROPS, ETHANOL AND BIODIESEL PRODUCTION IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY

WHEREAS, the agricultural industry of Miami-Dade County is critical to the long-term economic viability of the County; and

WHEREAS, the agriculture industry in Miami-Dade County must have opportunities to flourish through innovation and market competitiveness; and

WHEREAS, national security and energy policies have focused on the potential for biofuels to offset or even replace traditional petroleum transportation fuels; and

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County agriculture should have the opportunity to compete effectively in the research, development and growth of biofuels; and

WHEREAS, the potential opportunity for Miami-Dade County growers to produce crops for biofuel production is unknown and must be fully assessed in order to determine how growers can participate in biofuel production; and

WHEREAS, the use of locally grown and refined biofuels will present opportunities to grow jobs in a burgeoning energy sector that can enhance the environment, security and economic self-sufficiency of Miami-Dade County; and

WHEREAS, the State of Florida recently adopted legislation promoting research and implementation of alternative fuels and the U.S. Department of Energy and Agriculture and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency provide grant funding for the same,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that the County Manager is hereby directed by this Board to:

Section 1. Direct the Agricultural Manager to conduct a Biofuel Production Feasibility Study for Miami-Dade County's agricultural industry.

Section 2. Secure funding in the form of grants and other funding sources for the feasibility study and for public/private partnerships in the development of fuel crops, ethanol and biodiesel refining and distribution in Miami-Dade County.

Section 3. Make recommendations on how the County can further spur local development of fuel crops and other alternative fuel industries in Miami-Dade County.

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:

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

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 24th day of April, 2007. 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

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.



Peter S. Tell

By: _____
Deputy Clerk