

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(11)

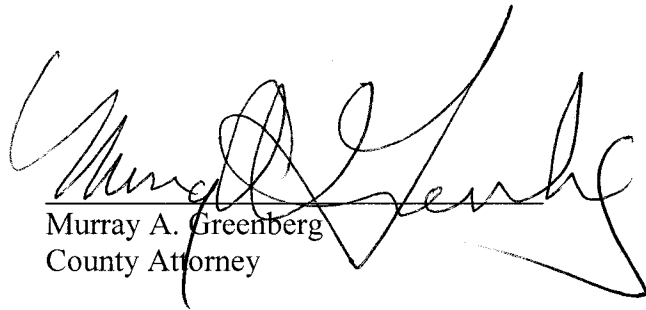
TO: Honorable Chairman Bruno A. Barreiro
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: February 20, 2007

FROM: Murray A. Greenberg
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution Urging the
Florida Legislature to
Establish Matching Funds
For Solar Water Heater
Installations for Low-Income
Homeowners

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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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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2-20-07

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION URGING THE FLORIDA
LEGISLATURE TO ESTABLISH A PROGRAM TO
PROVIDE MATCHING FUNDS FOR SOLAR AND
OTHER ENERGY SAVING WATER HEATER
INSTALLATIONS FOR LOW-INCOME
HOMEOWNERS

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County has provided funding for solar water heater installations for low-income homeowners for the last several years; and

WHEREAS, the program has completed close to 20 installations and is expected to install another 48 this year; and

WHEREAS, the program has become one of the largest non-utility solar water programs in the State; and

WHEREAS, with a large population of economically disadvantaged families, there remains a substantial unmet need for such solar water heaters beyond what the County can provide on its own; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Legislature should replicate the success of the Miami-Dade solar water heater program across the state and establish a statewide program that provides matching funds to local governments for solar water heater programs for low-income homeowners; and

WHEREAS, the program should also include other energy saving water heater installations that are not necessarily solar; and

WHEREAS, state matching funds could increase local governments' ability to provide economic stability to low income homeowners through reduced electric bills and improved quality of life,

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

Section 1. Urges the Florida Legislature to establish a program to provide matching funds for local programs that provide solar and other energy-saving water heaters to low-income homeowners.

Section 2. Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit certified copies of the resolution to the Governor, Senate President, House Speaker, and Chair and members of the Miami-Dade State Legislative Delegation.

Section 3. Directs the County's state lobbyists to advocate for the issue identified 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 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:

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

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 20th day of February , 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

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.



Jess M. McCarty

