

MEMORANDUM

Amended
Agenda Item No.11(A)(3)

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

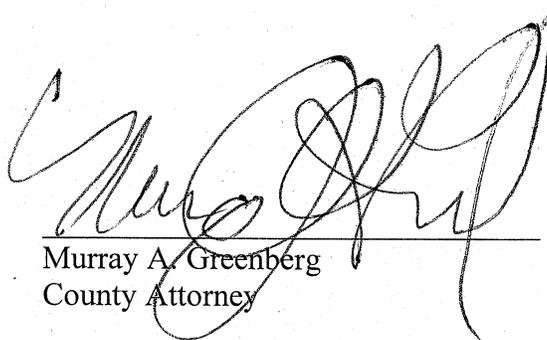
DATE: May 22, 2007

FROM: Murray A. Greenberg
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution urging the U.S.
Congress and/or the Federal
Government quickly to
impose a temporary reduction
in Federal Motor Fuel Taxes
for a period of three months

R#631-07

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of
Commissioner Joe A. Martinez and Sen. Javier D. Souto.



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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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RESOLUTION NO. R#631-07

RESOLUTION URGING THE U.S. CONGRESS AND/OR THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT QUICKLY TO IMPOSE A TEMPORARY REDUCTION IN FEDERAL MOTOR FUEL TAXES FOR A PERIOD OF THREE MONTHS PROVIDED SUCH LEGISLATION ENSURES THAT THE REDUCTION PASSES THROUGH TO CONSUMERS; FURTHER URGING THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO INVESTIGATE GASOLINE PRICING IN THE U.S., AND PROVIDE A REPORT ON THE PROBLEM OF CONTINUING INCREASES IN THE PRICE OF GASOLINE AND POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS

WHEREAS, this gasoline price surpasses the August 11, 2006 record by 4.28 cents; and

WHEREAS, this price is only six cents shy of the all-time inflation-adjusted record price in March, 1981 when the price of regular gasoline was \$1.35 a gallon, which would be \$3.13 in today's dollars; and

WHEREAS, this summer's increasing gasoline prices largely have been attributed to the fact that no new refineries have been built in the U.S. in the last 30 years; and

WHEREAS, the 149 refineries that are currently in production have operated at or near 100 percent capacity for months in an effort to satisfy record consumer demand; and

WHEREAS, refineries operating at or near 100 percent capacity has produced a summer of fires, accidents and shutdowns, all of which have further limited refinery capacity and driven prices higher; and

WHEREAS, rising gasoline prices affect everyone on a daily basis, and consumers are in need of immediate relief from rising gasoline prices; and

WHEREAS, federal gasoline taxes are 18.4 cents of each gallon of gasoline; and

WHEREAS, federal, state and local governments can all assist in providing needed relief to rising gasoline prices by temporarily reducing motor fuel taxes,

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

Section 1. Urges the U.S. Congress and/or the federal government quickly to impose a temporary 50 percent reduction in federal motor fuel taxes for a period of three months, provided such legislation ensures that the reduction in federal motor fuel taxes is passed through to the consumers.

Section 2. Urges the federal government to investigate gasoline pricing in the U.S., and provide a report on the problem of continuing increases in the price of gasoline and possible solutions.

Section 3. Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit certified copies of the resolution to the Florida Congressional Delegation.

Section 4. Directs the County's federal lobbyists to advocate for the actions set forth in Sections 1 and 2, and directs the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs to include this item in the 2007 and 2008 Federal Legislative Packages.

The foregoing resolution was sponsored by Commissioner Joe A. Martinez and Senator Javier D. Souto 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
Dorrian D. Rolle	Natacha Seijas
Katy Sorenson	Rebeca Sosa
Sen. Javier D. Souto	

The Chairman thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 22nd day of May, 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.

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Jess M. McCarty

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