

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(31)

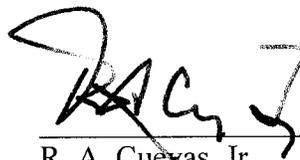
TO: Honorable Chairman Bruno A. Barreiro
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: December 4, 2007

FROM: R. A. Cuevas, Jr.
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution directing the
County Mayor to prepare and
submit a report with
recommendations concerning
control and eradication of the
Fig Whitefly

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of
Commissioner Jose "Pepe" Diaz.



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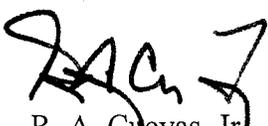


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Please note any items checked.

- "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

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Veto _____

12-04-07

Override _____

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COUNTY MAYOR TO
PREPARE AND SUBMIT TO THE BOARD OF COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS A REPORT WITH RECOMMENDATIONS
CONCERNING CONTROL AND ERADICATION OF THE FIG
WHITEFLY

WHEREAS, specimens of the fig whitefly, *Singhiella simplex* (Singh) (Hemiptera: Aleyrodidae) were recently collected in Miami-Dade County; and

WHEREAS, this infestation of fig whiteflies is the first recorded one in the continental U.S.; and

WHEREAS, the fig whitefly attacks several types of ficus such as *Ficus benjamina*, commonly used for hedges, as well as banyan trees, strangler fig, Cuban laurel, banana-leaf fig, and fiddle-leaf fig; and

WHEREAS, the leaves of a ficus infested with fig whiteflies begin to turn yellow before dropping, often in large quantities; and

WHEREAS, there is a substantial risk that major portions of Miami-Dade County will be defoliated unless the fig whitefly is controlled and eradicated quickly,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that this Board hereby directs the County Mayor to prepare and submit to the Board of County Commissioners a comprehensive report with recommendations concerning the control and eradication of the fig whitefly, including a discussion of the reasons that the fig whitefly is appearing in Miami-Dade

County as well as an analysis of funding options and cooperative agreement options, not later than forty-five (45) days from the date of passage of this Resolution.

The foregoing resolution was sponsored by Commissioner Jose "Pepe" Diaz 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 |
| Dorrin D. Rolle | Natacha Seijas |
| Katy Sorenson | Rebeca Sosa |
| Sen. Javier D. Souto | |

The Chairman thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 4th day of December, 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.

PST

Peter S. Tell