MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(1)

TO:	Honorable Chairman Bruno A. Barreiro and Members, Board of County Commissioners	**DATE:**	October 7, 2008
FROM:	R. A. Cuevas, Jr. County Attorney	**SUBJECT:**	Resolution directing Mayor to investigate marine safety concerns at or near Government Cut Channel and others

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Chairman Bruno A. Barreiro.

R. A. Cuevas, Jr.
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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10-7-08

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR THE COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO INVESTIGATE AND SUBMIT REPORT ON MARINE SAFETY CONCERNS AT AND NEAR THE JUNCTION OF GOVERNMENT CUT CHANNEL, MAIN CHANNEL, FISHERMAN'S CHANNEL, MELOY CHANNEL, AND U.S. COAST GUARD CHANNEL

WHEREAS, one of the most congested and highly trafficked marine areas in Miami-Dade County is the junction area of Government Cut Channel, the Main Channel, Fisherman's Channel, Meloy Channel and U.S. Coast Guard Channel; and

WHEREAS, large ships, Fisher Island ferries, tugboats, barges, tour boats, fishing vessels, recreational vessels and personal watercraft all converge into this very small junction area, traveling in different directions, crisscrossing each other, and operating at different speeds; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the vessel traffic described above, this junction area is also used as a turning basin; and

WHEREAS, to avoid a possible significant marine accident in this junction area these marine safety concerns need to be investigated, studied and addressed,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that this Board hereby directs the County Mayor or the County Mayor's designee to investigate, prepare a report, and submit to this Board a report concerning all marine safety concerns at or near the aforesaid junction area not later than sixty (60) days from the date of passage of this Resolution.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Chairman Bruno A. Barreiro. It was 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 Chairman thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 7th day of October, 2008. 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.

Peter S. Tell