MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 14(A)(5)

TO:	Honorable Chairman Dennis C. Moss and Members, Board of County Commissioners	**DATE:**	March 17, 2009
FROM:	R. A. Cuevas, Jr. County Attorney	**SUBJECT:**	Resolution declaring the month of April 2009 as Water Conservation Month in Miami-Dade County

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Carlos A. Gimenez.

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 Mayor'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. _____

RESOLUTION DECLARING THE MONTH OF APRIL 2009 AS WATER CONSERVATION MONTH IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY

WHEREAS, clean and sustainable water resources are vital to Florida's environment, economy and quality of life; and

WHEREAS, more than 90 percent of Florida's drinking water is supplied by underlying aquifers, and our qualify of life and the economy depend upon a clean and healthy environment; and

WHEREAS, Floridians consume more than 7.9 billion gallons per day of fresh water, and the future of Florida depends greatly upon the availability of water; and

WHEREAS, the State of Florida together with local partners including Miami-Dade County are investing billions of dollars to restore the Everglades, develop alternative water supplies, reduce storm water pollution, upgrade drinking water facilities and improve wastewater treatment; and

WHEREAS, water conservation can cost as little as 6¢ to 72¢ per 1,000 gallons of water saved, while the cost of constructing alternative water supply facilities can range from $5 to $7 per 1,000 gallons of water created; and

WHEREAS, all water users in Miami-Dade County, including commercial, industrial, agricultural, institutional, hospitality, private citizens and others can make a positive contribution to reduce water use and protect Florida's water resources; and

WHEREAS, the South Florida Water Management District is implementing a Comprehensive Water Conservation Program to instill a lasting culture of conservation in our communities; and

WHEREAS, the Miami-Dade County Water and Sewer Department ("WASD") develops and administers the Miami-Dade Water Use Efficiency Program which is an operational and policy-based program and includes quantifiable best management practices and projects aimed at reducing water consumption; and

WHEREAS, this program has received recognition from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the Florida Department of Environmental Protection and the American Water Works Association; and

WHEREAS, in its first year, all of the water efficiency projects have exceeded the program's water conservation goals contributing to a 10% overall water use reduction; and

WHEREAS, the Governor and Cabinet of the State of Florida are designating April as Florida's Water Conservation Month to encourage Floridians to conserve the state's precious water resources,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that the Board of County Commissioners hereby designates the month of April 2009 as Water Conservation Month in Miami-Dade County and urges all water users to take action by increasing their water use efficiency and take appropriate measures to conserve and protect our State's most vital natural resource.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Carlos A. Gimenez. 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:

Dennis C. Moss, Chairman
Jose "Pepe" Diaz, Vice-Chairman

Bruno A. Barreiro	Audrey M. Edmonson
Carlos A. Gimenez	Sally A. Heyman
Barbara J. Jordan	Joe A. Martinez
Dorrin D. Rolle	Natacha Seijas
Katy Sorenson	Rebeca Sosa
Sen. Javier D. Souto	

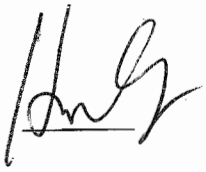
The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this March 17, 2009. This resolution shall become effective ten (10) days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board.

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.



Henry N. Gillman