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Agenda Item No. 3(Q)

MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Chairman Dennis C. Moss and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: July 14, 2009

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

SUBJECT: Resolution directing the County Mayor to begin planning for Earth Day 2010, the 40th Anniversary of Earth Day

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Katy Sorenson.

R. A. Cuevas, Jr.
County Attorney

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MEMORANDUM

(Revised)

TO: Honorable Chairman Dennis C. Moss and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: July 21, 2009

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

SUBJECT: Agenda Item No.

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 _____

Agenda Item No.

7-21-09

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO BEGIN PLANNING FOR EARTH DAY 2010, THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF EARTH DAY

WHEREAS, Earth Day was first celebrated in the United States on April 22, 1970, after being proposed by Wisconsin Senator Gaylord Nelson in response to growing national concern about the damage human activity was having on the environment; and

WHEREAS, activism around the Earth Day movement helped generate popular support for new environmental legislation such as the Clean Air and Clean Water Acts, the Endangered Species Act, and the creation of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency; and

WHEREAS, subsequent Earth Day events have educated the public, including residents and businesses of Miami-Dade County, on a wide variety of issues, and have provided them with opportunities to learn about local, national, and global environmental concerns and solutions; and

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County participated in the 30th anniversary of Earth Day by hosting a special event at Miami Metro Zoo which engaged many County departments as well as dozens of environmental organizations in order to create a festive and educational event for thousands of participants; and

WHEREAS, Earth Day 2010 presents an opportunity for Miami-Dade County to celebrate and recognize the significance of the 40th anniversary of Earth Day,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that the Mayor or his designee is directed to begin planning for Earth Day 2010 and provide a detailed report of those plans to the Board of County Commissioners within 60 days. As part of the plan for Earth Day 2010, the Mayor or his designee is directed to (i) involve any County agency with an environmental role or educational message; (ii) include a signature event and a number of additional events throughout the County to provide opportunities for participation in all areas of Miami-Dade County; (iii) investigate partnering with the Earth Day Network as a participant city in the planned Global Day of Celebration; (iv) coordinate with municipal governments in Miami-Dade County with respect to municipal Earth Day events; (v) leverage the event to further Miami-Dade County's environmental legislative priorities on both the state and national levels; (vi) work with civic organizations and local universities and colleges to promote civic engagement on environmental issues; (vii) seek to partner with local area businesses and organizations as sponsors and contributors to the events around Earth Day; and (viii) develop a fiscal plan for Earth Day 2010 which focuses on funding from sponsorships and contributions and which identifies cost-saving ways to carry out this historic celebration of the 40th anniversary of Earth Day.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Katy Sorenson. 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 21st day of July, 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.

Abbie N. Schwaderer