



MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(10)

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

DATE: November 3, 2009

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

SUBJECT: Resolution condemning the slaughter of horses in Miami-Dade County and directing the County Mayor to increase efforts to identify and apprehend those responsible for the slaughter of horses and those involved in the trade of illegal horse meat and to urge the State Attorney's Office to prosecute them to the full extent of the law

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Senator Javier D. Souto, and Co-Sponsors Vice-Chairman Jose "Pepe" Diaz, Commissioner Sally A. Heyman and Commissioner Rebeca Sosa.

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Please note any items checked.

- "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**
- Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Manager's report for public hearing**
- No committee review**
- Applicable legislation requires more than a majority vote (i.e., 2/3's ____, 3/5's ____, unanimous ____) to approve**
- Current information regarding funding source, index code and available balance, and available capacity (if debt is contemplated) required**

Approved _____ Mayor
Veto _____
Override _____

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11-3-09

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION CONDEMNING THE SLAUGHTER OF HORSES IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY AND DIRECTING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR THE MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO INCREASE EFFORTS TO IDENTIFY AND APPREHEND THOSE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SLAUGHTER OF HORSES AND THOSE INVOLVED IN THE TRADE OF ILLEGAL HORSE MEAT AND TO URGE THE STATE ATTORNEY'S OFFICE TO PROSECUTE THEM TO THE FULL EXTENT OF THE LAW

WHEREAS, many residents and visitors in Miami-Dade County enjoy riding, watching, and caring for horses and appreciate the horses' magnificent beauty; and

WHEREAS, some residents of Miami-Dade County rely on their horses for their income, through such things as horseback riding tourism or racing; and

WHEREAS, the slaughter of horses may hurt those individuals who depend on their horses for continued income or who enjoy and love horses; and

WHEREAS, the slaughter of horses may create an atmosphere of fear and distrust within the community of horse owners in Miami-Dade County; and

WHEREAS, increased enforcement against those individuals responsible for the slaughter of horses may reduce the number of incidents; and

WHEREAS, increased enforcement against those individuals or entities responsible for the purchase, sale, or trafficking of illegal horse meat may reduce the demand for horse meat and may therefore also reduce the incidents of horse slaughters,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that the slaughter of horses in Miami-Dade County is hereby condemned, and the Miami-Dade County Mayor or the Mayor's designee is directed to (1) increase efforts to identify and apprehend all those individuals who are responsible for the slaughter of horses, and all individuals or entities who are responsible for the purchase, sale, or trafficking of illegal horse meat; and (2) urge the State Attorney's Office to prosecute to the full extent of the law those responsible for the slaughter of horses or the purchase, sale or trafficking of illegal horse meat.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Senator Javier D. Souto, and the Co-Sponsors are Vice-Chairman Jose "Pepe" Diaz, Commissioner Sally A. Heyman and Commissioner Rebeca Sosa. 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
Dorin D. Rolle	Natacha Seijas
Katy Sorenson	Rebeca Sosa
Sen. Javier D. Souto	

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 3rd day of November, 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

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