



MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(10)

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

DATE: December 1, 2009

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

SUBJECT: Resolution establishing Southeast
Florida Regional Climate Change
Compact

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



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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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RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING SOUTHEAST FLORIDA REGIONAL CLIMATE CHANGE COMPACT; COMMITTING TO DEVELOP JOINT POLICY POSITIONS AND LEGISLATIVE POLICY STATEMENTS WITH BROWARD, PALM BEACH AND MONROE COUNTIES WITH RESPECT TO CLIMATE CHANGE ISSUES; COMMITTING TO DEVELOP A SOUTHEAST FLORIDA REGIONAL CLIMATE CHANGE ACTION PLAN WITH BROWARD, PALM BEACH, AND MONROE COUNTIES; COMMITTING TO PARTICIPATE IN A REGIONAL CLIMATE TEAM AND IN THE SECOND SOUTHEAST FLORIDA REGIONAL CLIMATE CHANGE SUMMIT

WHEREAS, there is consensus among the world's leading scientists that global climate change is among the most significant problems facing the world today; and

WHEREAS, Florida is considered one of the most vulnerable areas in the country with respect to the consequences of climate change, with Southeast Florida on the front line to experience the impacts of climate change, especially rising sea levels; and

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County is located in Southeast Florida and is a neighboring county with Monroe, Broward, and Palm Beach Counties; and

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade, Broward, Palm Beach and Monroe Counties are the four counties in the Southeast Florida region and all share in common a strong quality of life rooted in the region's rich cultural heritage, a vigorous economy, and environmental resources of global significance; and

WHEREAS, the aforementioned four counties of Southeast Florida, which represent approximately 30% of the population of the State of Florida, are physically linked one to the other by the Atlantic Ocean coastline and share some of the world's most renowned natural resources such as the Everglades, our unique coral reefs, beautiful beaches, and fragile Keys ecosystems; and

WHEREAS, rising sea levels could limit the effectiveness of critical drainage infrastructure, endanger beaches and coastal natural resources and increase incidents of saltwater intrusion on the Biscayne Aquifer-putting at risk the drinking water supply for the entire population of Southeast Florida; and

WHEREAS, local governments, and the region as a whole, must give significant consideration to adaptation strategies designed to protect public infrastructure, property, water resources, natural areas and native species, and basic quality of life; and

WHEREAS, the aforementioned four counties of Southeast Florida, combined, account each year for \$2.5 billion of this nation's Gross Domestic Product and more than 37% of statewide economic output; and

WHEREAS, while the four counties of Southeast Florida have independently taken steps to address global climate change, all parties recognize that coordinated and collective action on this, the defining issue for Southeast Florida in the 21st Century, will best serve the citizens of the region,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that:

Section 1. Miami-Dade County shall work in close collaboration with the aforementioned counties of Southeast Florida to develop a joint policy position urging the

United States Congress to pass legislation that recognizes the unique vulnerabilities of Southeast Florida to the impacts of climate change and to further a joint policy position that includes specific recommendations regarding the allocation of federal climate change funding based on vulnerability to climate change impacts. Such recommendations might include the designation of areas of Southeast Florida as uniquely vulnerable and of federal interest for the purpose of securing enhanced levels of federal participation in regional adaptation projects.

Section 2. Miami-Dade County shall work in close collaboration with the other aforementioned counties to develop additional legislative policy statements relating to global climate change and future legislation to be considered by the United States Congress for transmittal to the Congressional Delegation representing, in part or in whole, districts within Southeast Florida.

Section 3. Miami-Dade County shall work in close collaboration with the other aforementioned counties in developing joint position statements on proposed State legislation and energy or climate policies, including but not limited to issues such as the region's energy and climate security and a renewable energy portfolio standard that defines renewable energy sources as wind, solar, geothermal, biomass, landfill gas, qualified hydropower, and marine and hydrokinetic energy, and collaborating on other emerging energy or climate issues that may be considered by the 2010 Florida Legislature for transmittal to the Legislative Delegation representing, in part or in whole, districts within Southeast Florida.

Section 4. Miami-Dade County shall work with the other aforementioned counties in developing joint position statements for future State legislature that may be

considered by the Florida Legislature for transmittal to the Legislative Delegation representing, in part or in whole, districts within Southeast Florida.

Section 5. Miami-Dade County shall commit appropriate staff resources and expertise, within budget constraints, to participate in a Regional Climate Team with the other aforementioned counties toward the development of a Southeast Florida Regional Climate Change Action Plan.

Section 6. Miami-Dade County shall work with the other aforementioned counties in developing a Southeast Florida Regional Climate Change Action Plan. The Action Plan could, at a minimum, include the following components:

- (a) A baseline of greenhouse emissions for Southeast Florida;
- (b) Strategies for coordinated emission reductions throughout the built environment to include the use of energy efficiency, energy conservation, and the use of demand-side renewable energy resources;
- (c) Strategies for coordinated emission reductions from the transportation sector to include increased reliance on public transit, emerging vehicle technologies, and advanced biofuels;
- (d) Strategies for coordinated emission reductions resulting from changes in local and regional land use;
- (e) Strategies for the coordinated regional preparation for and adaptation to a rapidly changing global environment based upon regional mapping of projected sea-level rise and any resulting amplification of localized impacts of tropical cyclone events. Such strategies shall incorporate climate preparation concerns for the regional economy, regional

infrastructure and the built environment, social and cultural needs, and natural systems within the four aforementioned counties.

Section 7. Miami-Dade County shall commit to participating with the other aforementioned counties in hosting the Second Southeast Florida Regional Climate Change Summit in October, 2010.

Section 8. This Resolution and its stated commitments between Miami-Dade County and Broward, Palm Beach, and Monroe Counties shall be referred to as the Southeast Florida Regional Climate Change Compact.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner 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

Carlos A. Gimenez

Barbara J. Jordan

Dorin D. Rolle

Katy Sorenson

Sen. Javier D. Souto

Audrey M. Edmonson

Sally A. Heyman

Joe A. Martinez

Natacha Seijas

Rebeca Sosa

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 1st day of December, 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.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "ANS", enclosed within a hand-drawn circle.

Abbie N. Schwaderer