



MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(21)

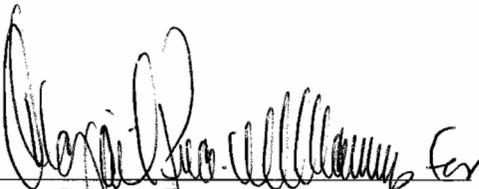
TO: Honorable Chairman Dennis C. Moss
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: January 21, 2010

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

SUBJECT: Resolution urging the Governor and
Florida Legislature to maintain
funding for critical programs for the
elderly

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



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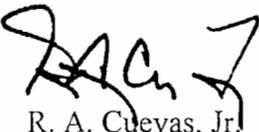


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Please note any items checked.

- "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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1-21-10

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION URGING THE GOVERNOR AND FLORIDA
LEGISLATURE TO MAINTAIN FUNDING FOR CRITICAL
PROGRAMS FOR THE ELDERLY

WHEREAS, as state revenues have declined in recent years, the Florida Legislature has made billions of dollars in budget reductions, including spending cuts, and use of cash reserves and trust fund revenues to cover general revenue expenditures; and

WHEREAS, projections indicate that revenues will continue to decline for the 2010-11 state fiscal year by as much as \$4 billion, requiring additional spending cuts and other actions to balance the state's budget; and

WHEREAS, during the 2009 session, programs for the elderly, including funding for Local Service Providers/elderly meals, transportation and adult day care, were cut 5 percent for the current state fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, this 5 percent budget cut was in addition to a 2 percent budget cut the Legislature imposed during the January, 2009 special session; and

WHEREAS, while these cuts were substantial, they were less than half of the 15 percent cut originally proposed to be made to elderly services programs; and

WHEREAS, for the 2010 session, it is anticipated that additional cuts will be proposed to services for the elderly including, including cuts to the following programs:

- a. Community Care for the Elderly
- b. Home Care for the Elderly
- c. The Alzheimer's Disease Initiative, and
- d. Local Services Program (LSP), which fund in-home and community based services in Miami-Dade County; and

WHEREAS, LSP funds are the main source of funding for several of senior centers in Miami-Dade County, and LSP funds provide thousands of meals for the elderly in Miami-Dade County, including more than \$600,000 for the High Risk Nutrition Meals Program; and

WHEREAS, were LSP funds to be further cut, several senior centers may have to close their doors; and

WHEREAS, there should be no greater funding priority than elder meal programs and other programs for the elderly in our community,

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

Section 1. Urges the Governor and Florida Legislature to maintain funding for critical programs for the elderly, including Community Care for the Elderly, Home Care for the Elderly, the Alzheimer's Disease Initiative, and Local Services Program.

Section 2. Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the Governor, Senate President, House Speaker, the Chair and Members of the Miami-Dade County State Legislative Delegation, and the Secretary of the Florida Department of Elder Affairs.

Section 3. Directs the County's state lobbyists to advocate for the funding indicated in Section 1 above, and directs the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs to include this item in the 2010 State Legislative Package.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is 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
Carlos A. Gimenez
Barbara J. Jordan
Dorrin 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 21st day of January, 2010. 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.



Jess M. McCarty