

# MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(5)

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

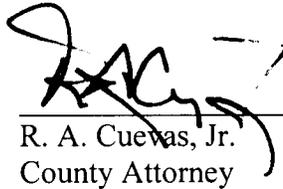
**DATE:** February 18, 2010

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

**SUBJECT:** Resolution urging the U.S. Congress to pass economic development legislation to assist Haiti in rebuilding by creating a program that includes long-term commitments to purchase products from Haiti

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The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Chairman Dennis C. Moss.

  
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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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2-18-10

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

RESOLUTION URGING THE U.S. CONGRESS TO PASS  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT LEGISLATION TO ASSIST  
HAITI IN REBUILDING BY CREATING A PROGRAM THAT  
INCLUDES LONG-TERM COMMITMENTS TO PURCHASE  
PRODUCTS FROM HAITI

**WHEREAS**, on January 12, 2010, a devastating earthquake hit the Republic of Haiti approximately 10 miles southwest of Port-au-Prince; and

**WHEREAS**, more than three million people -- a third of Haiti's population -- have been affected by the earthquake, including hundreds of thousands of deaths and injuries; and

**WHEREAS**, the earthquake is the latest in a series of events that have impacted Haiti in recent years, including four deadly storms that struck Haiti in 2008; and

**WHEREAS**, even before the earthquake, Haiti was the poorest country in the Western Hemisphere even though it is located only six hundred miles from the U.S., a distance that is approximately the same as that from Miami to Atlanta, Georgia; and

**WHEREAS**, even before the earthquake, Haiti's per capita gross domestic product was 40 percent (40%) lower than that of Nicaragua, which is the hemisphere's next poorest country; and

**WHEREAS**, in the wake of the earthquake, Haiti is now in desperate need of economic development assistance from the U.S.; and

**WHEREAS**, Congress can help to stimulate economic development in Haiti through a program that establishes long-term commitments to purchase products from Haiti that could be produced in large job-intensive factories; and

**WHEREAS**, such a program would provide the incentives, stability and certainty needed to encourage businesses to establish locations in Haiti, as there would be a ready market for Haitian made products; and

**WHEREAS**, such a program will create jobs for Haitian citizens that can lead to a stable economy in Haiti,

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

Section 1. Urges the U.S. Congress to pass economic development legislation to assist Haiti in rebuilding by creating a program that includes long-term commitments to purchase products from Haiti that can be produced in large job-intensive factories which will attract businesses to locate in Haiti and stimulate economic growth.

Section 2. Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the members of the Miami-Dade Congressional Delegation.

Section 3. Directs the County's federal lobbyists to advocate for the legislation set forth in Section 1 above, and authorizes and directs that the 2010 Federal Legislative Package be amended to include this item.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Chairman Dennis C. Moss. 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:

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|                      | 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 18<sup>th</sup> day of February, 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