MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(9)

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 Jay Malina International Trade Consortium to re-activate the Sister Cities' relationship with the City of Petit Goave in Haiti

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Carlos A. Gimenez.

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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 URGING THE JAY MALINA INTERNATIONAL TRADE CONSORTIUM TO RE-ACTIVATE THE SISTER CITIES' RELATIONSHIP WITH THE CITY OF PETIT GOAVE IN HAITI

WHEREAS, on December 5, 1995, the Board of County Commissioners of Miami-Dade County adopted Resolution Number R-1681-95 establishing a Sister Cities' relationship with the port city of Petit Goave in Haiti; and

WHEREAS, after several years, because of resource constraints, the Jay Malina International Trade Consortium ("ITC Board") placed its Sister Cities relationship with Petit Goave in emeritus status; and

WHEREAS, on January 12, 2010, an earthquake registering 7.0 on the Richter scale ("the Earthquake") hit near Port-au-Prince, Haiti causing thousands of deaths and affecting an estimated 3 million people with massive destruction to buildings, including homes, hospitals, schools, the airport, government buildings and prisons; and

WHEREAS, many residents of Miami-Dade County have family members, friends and business relationships in Haiti such that the social, cultural and economic life of Miami-Dade County is inextricably intertwined with events in Haiti; and

WHEREAS, since the Earthquake, Miami-Dade County and governments, non-profits organizations and individuals from all over the world have provided much needed help to the Haitian people including the ITC Board which donated $1000 to Haitian relief at the Board of County Commissioners' special meeting on January 14, 2010; and

WHEREAS, Petit Goave is a port city west of Port-au-Prince that was only a few miles from the epicenter of the Earthquake that was devastated; and

WHEREAS, given that Petit Goave has an established Sister Cities' relationship with Miami-Dade County and that Petit Goave is facing a crisis situation, it is a humanitarian imperative to assist Petit Goave now and in its future reconstruction; and

WHEREAS, the Sister Cities Committee of the ITC Board recognized the urgency of the situation in Petit Goave and has already recommended to the ITC Board to allocate $1000 from the Sister Cities' Trust Account to provide emergency assistance to Petit Goave; and

WHEREAS, the process of rebuilding Petit Goave will take months and years of sustained effort and cooperation to accomplish; and

WHEREAS, the long-term commitment needed to assist Petit Goave is exactly the type of commitment that can be effectively managed through the Sister Cities program; and

WHEREAS, the ITC Board is charged by the Code of Miami-Dade County Section 2-1505(r) with administering the Sister Cities program; and

WHEREAS, the recent events and circumstances after the Earthquake provide a compelling reason to consider re-activating the Sister Cities relationship with Petit Goave,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that the ITC Board is hereby urged to consider re-activating Miami-Dade County's Sister Cities' relationship with Petit Goave in Haiti.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Carlos A. Gimenez. 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 18th 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.

Eric A. Rodriguez