



MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(11)

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

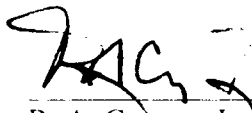
DATE: February 18, 2010

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

SUBJECT: Resolution directing Mayor or Mayor's designee to designate locations throughout Miami-Dade County for Haitian nationals displaced as a result of the January 12, 2010 earthquake to apply for Temporary Protected Status and for Haitian Americans repatriated to the United States as a result of the earthquake to receive valuable information about available social services

The resolution was amended by the Housing and Community Development Committee. The amendment prioritizes service provided to persons seeking assistance with Temporary Protected Status applications to those persons with incomes at 200% or below of the Federal Poverty Income Guidelines utilized by the Community Service Block Grant (CSBG).

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Barbara J. Jordan, and Co-Sponsors Commissioner Audrey M. Edmonson, Commissioner Dorrin D. Rolle and 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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2-18-10

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION DIRECTING MAYOR OR MAYOR'S
DESIGNEE TO DESIGNATE LOCATIONS THROUGHOUT
MIAMI-DADE COUNTY FOR HAITIAN NATIONALS
DISPLACED AS A RESULT OF THE JANUARY 12, 2010
EARTHQUAKE TO APPLY FOR TEMPORARY PROTECTED
STATUS AND FOR HAITIAN AMERICANS REPATRIATED
TO THE UNITED STATES AS A RESULT OF THE
EARTHQUAKE TO RECEIVE VALUABLE INFORMATION
ABOUT AVAILABLE SOCIAL SERVICES

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 one of the poorest countries in the Western Hemisphere; and

WHEREAS, the destruction caused by the earthquake that hit Haiti does not allow Haitian nationals currently in the U.S. to safely return to Haiti; and

WHEREAS, on January 15, 2010, Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano announced the designation of Temporary Protected Status (TPS) for Haitian nationals who were in the United States as of January 12, 2010; and

WHEREAS, Haitian nationals in our community will need designated locations where they can apply for TPS; and

WHEREAS, Haitian Americans repatriated to the United States in the wake of the earthquake will also require reliable information and social services,

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

Section 1. Directs the Mayor or Mayor's designee to designate locations with qualified personnel throughout Miami-Dade County where Haitian nationals in the United States as of January 12, 2010 can apply for TPS. >>Priority service should be provided to those persons with incomes at 200% or below of the Federal Poverty Income Guidelines utilized by the Community Services Block Grant (CSBG).<<¹

Section 2. Directs the Mayor or Mayor's designee to establish locations throughout Miami-Dade County where Haitian Americans repatriated to the United States as a result of the recent earthquake can obtain reliable information about available social services.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Barbara J. Jordan, and the Co-Sponsors are Commissioner Audrey M. Edmonson, Commissioner Dorrin D. Rolle and 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:

¹ Committee amendments are indicated as follows: words stricken through and/or [[double bracketed]] shall be deleted, words underscored and/or >>double arrowed<< constitute the amendment proposed.

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 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.



Martin W. Sybblis

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