

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(3)

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

DATE: March 16, 2010

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

SUBJECT: Resolution urging the Florida
Legislature to enact legislation
requiring that an aversive agent
be added to antifreeze product
to prevent poisoning from
accidental ingestion

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Audrey M. Edmonson.



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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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3-16-10

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO ENACT LEGISLATION REQUIRING THAT AN AVERSIVE AGENT BE ADDED TO ANTIFREEZE PRODUCTS TO PREVENT POISONING FROM ACCIDENTAL INGESTION

WHEREAS, antifreeze (ethylene glycol) is an extremely hazardous substance and can result in death if treatment is not provided swiftly; and

WHEREAS, antifreeze is also harmful if ingested by animals; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that between 10,000 and 90,000 animals across the United States are poisoned annually by antifreeze; and

WHEREAS, animals may be attracted to antifreeze because of its sweet smell and taste; and

WHEREAS, some humane groups have proposed that people and pets be protected from antifreeze poisoning by adding a bitter, taste aversive agent to the product; and

WHEREAS, according to the Associated Press, states such as Arizona, California, New Mexico, Oregon, Tennessee, Virginia, Vermont and Washington have passed laws requiring taste aversive agents be added to antifreeze; and

WHEREAS, Florida should also have a similar law to protect individuals and animals from the deadly consequences of ingesting antifreeze,

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

Section 1. Urges the Florida Legislature to enact legislation requiring that antifreeze or engine coolant sold in the State of Florida contain a taste aversive agent so as to render it unpalatable.

Section 2. Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit certified copies of this resolution to the Governor, Senate President, House Speaker, the Chair and Members of the Miami-Dade State Legislative Delegation.

Section 3. Directs the County's state lobbyists to advocate for the issue identified 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 Audrey M. Edmonson. 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 16th day of March, 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