MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(31)

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

DATE: July 8, 2010

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

SUBJECT: Resolution directing the Mayor to petition the U.S. Department of State for financial assistance for the development of fire services and facilities in the City of Delmas, Haiti

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

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County Attorney

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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 DIRECTING THE MAYOR OR MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO PETITION THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF FIRE SERVICES AND FACILITIES IN THE CITY OF DELMAS, HAITI

WHEREAS, on January 12, 2010 Haiti suffered a devastating earthquake which destroyed much of the capital city of Port-au-Prince and its surroundings; and

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County, and its residents, immediately provided generous emergency assistance to our neighbors in their time of need; and

WHEREAS, among the first responders, the Miami-Dade County Fire Rescue Department, through its Urban Search and Rescue Team provided emergency rescue services that resulted in the life-saving rescue of many people in the earthquake affected area: and

WHEREAS, the magnitude of the catastrophe calls for a continuing response and training of its fire-rescue personnel; and

WHEREAS, the City of Delmas, Haiti, with a population of over 600,000 which is located within the metropolitan area of Port-au-Prince has requested assistance in the reestablishment of permanent fire services and a facility so that it can adequately respond to future emergencies; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Miami-Dade County previously approved a donation of surplus county fire rescue equipment as part of its Haiti relief efforts; and

WHEREAS, the Miami-Dade Fire Rescue Department is uniquely qualified with experienced personnel and a new state-of-the-art fire rescue training facility to provide assistance in the training and development of fire rescue facilities and services to Haiti; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of State, through its Office of International Visitor Leadership Program, has expressed a preliminary interest in participating together with Miami-Dade County in a program which could provide funding to the Miami-Dade Fire Rescue Department to assist in the training and the reestablishment of permanent fire services and facilities in Delmas,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that the Mayor or the Mayor's designee is hereby authorized and directed to communicate with the United States Department of State for the purpose of participating in a program which would provide funding for reestablishing permanent fire services and facilities in the City of Delmas, Haiti, and to execute any application or document or take any other act necessary or appropriate to accomplish the intent of this resolution, with the express proviso that any action which binds the County to the expenditure of funds or in-kind donation or services not otherwise authorized shall require the express approval of this Board.

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
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 8th day of July, 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.

Hugo Benitez