

# MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(7)

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

**DATE:** September 21, 2010

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

**SUBJECT:** Resolution directing the County Mayor to create and implement a program to educate residents who have or use private drinking water wells of the available testing programs and need for testing of well water used for drinking water

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The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Katy Sorenson, and Co-Sponsors Commissioner Carlos A. Gimenez and Commissioner Rebeca Sosa.



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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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9-21-10

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

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO CREATE AND IMPLEMENT IN COOPERATION WITH THE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT A PROGRAM TO EDUCATE RESIDENTS WHO HAVE OR USE PRIVATE DRINKING WATER WELLS OF THE AVAILABLE TESTING PROGRAMS AND NEED FOR TESTING OF WELL WATER USED FOR DRINKING WATER

**WHEREAS**, there are numerous Miami-Dade County residents who obtain their drinking water from private drinking water wells; and

**WHEREAS**, on occasion private drinking water wells can become contaminated due to various sources of contamination throughout the County; and

**WHEREAS**, the systematic testing of private drinking water wells is important for the health and safety of the affected citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, private well water quality is not monitored by the State of Florida or Miami-Dade County; and

**WHEREAS**, it is in the public interest and in the common good that the residents of Miami-Dade County who obtain their drinking water from private water wells should be informed of the need to regularly test the water quality of their wells; and

**WHEREAS**, a number of private labs offer well water screening for a testing fee; and

**WHEREAS**, no program currently exists that is designed to inform the private well owners of the need to regularly test their water quality for contaminants,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,** that this Board of County Commissioners hereby directs the Mayor or the Mayor's designee to design and implement in cooperation with the County Health Department a program to inform and educate the residents of Miami-Dade County who obtain their drinking water from private water wells of the need to regularly test their water quality. This educational program should, at a minimum, provide information about the availability of licensed testing facilities, information about the types of contaminants to test for, the frequency of testing recommended, and contact information for the Department of Health if contamination is found.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Katy Sorenson, and the Co-Sponsors are Commissioner Carlos A. Gimenez and Commissioner Rebeca Sosa. 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
Dorin D. Rolle	Natacha Seijas
Katy Sorenson	Rebeca Sosa
Sen. Javier D. Souto	

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 21<sup>st</sup> day of September, 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.

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Thomas H. Robertson