MEMORANDUM Agenda Item No. 11(A)(11)

TO: Honorable Chairman Joe A. Martinez
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: February 1, 2011

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

SUBJECT: Resolution accepting invitation to participate in the Climate Resilient Communities Program

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Natacha Seijas.

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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**

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Approved _____ Mayor
Veto _____
Override _____

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RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CLIMATE RESILIENT COMMUNITIES PROGRAM; COMMITTING TO USE THE PROGRAM'S FIVE MILESTONES FOR BOTH LOCAL AND REGIONAL CLIMATE ADAPTATION PLANNING; ENCOURAGING MUNICIPALITIES OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY TO SUPPORT AND PARTICIPATE IN THE FIVE MILESTONES TO DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT THE SOUTHEAST FLORIDA REGIONAL CLIMATE CHANGE ACTION PLAN

WHEREAS, the United States Environmental Protection Agency has determined that climate change, in conjunction with changes in land use and demographics, will affect important dimensions in the United States, especially those related to human health, settlements and welfare; and

WHEREAS, Florida is considered one of the most vulnerable areas in the country to the impacts of climate change, and Southeast Florida could be one of the first areas affected by those impacts, particularly rising sea levels; and

WHEREAS, the counties of Miami-Dade, Broward, Palm Beach and Monroe (the "Compact Counties") have agreed to collaborate in formulating an appropriate response to the regional challenges associated with climate change and have established a Southeast Florida Regional Climate Change Compact; and

WHEREAS, Southeast Florida as a whole, through its regional state agencies and county and city governments, must give significant consideration to adaptation strategies designed to protect public infrastructure, property, water resources, natural areas, native species, and basic quality of life; and

WHEREAS, the Compact Counties have independently joined ICLEI-Local Governments for Sustainability USA as full members; and

WHEREAS, ICLEI-Local Governments for Sustainability USA has invited the Compact Counties to participate in its Climate Resilient Communities Program; and

WHEREAS, the Climate Resilient Communities Program consists of five milestones: (1) conducting a climate resilience study; (2) prioritizing areas for action and setting goals; (3) publishing a climate resilience action plan; (4) implementing the plan; and (5) monitoring, reporting, and re-evaluating the plan; and

WHEREAS, through the Compact Counties' active participation in the Climate Resilient Communities Program, the Compact Counties will produce a Southeast Florida Regional Climate Change Action Plan, along with the participating regional state agencies and municipalities,

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

1. Miami-Dade County will accept the invitation, as a member of the Southeast Florida Regional Climate Change Compact, to participate in the Climate Resilient Communities Program of ICLEI-Local Governments for Sustainability USA.
2. Miami-Dade County shall utilize the Climate Resilient Communities Program's five milestones for both local and regional climate adaption planning efforts.
3. Miami-Dade County will encourage the municipalities of Miami-Dade County to support and participate in the five milestones process for developing and implementing the Southeast Florida Regional Climate Change Action Plan.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Natacha Seijas. 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:

Joe A. Martinez, Chairman
Audrey M. Edmonson, Vice Chairwoman

Bruno A. Barreiro	Lynda Bell
Jose "Pepe" Diaz	Carlos A. Gimenez
Sally A. Heyman	Barbara J. Jordan
Jean Monestime	Dennis C. Moss
Natacha Seijas	Rebeca Sosa
Sen. Javier D. Souto	

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 1st day of February, 2011. 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.

Abbie Schwaderer Raurell

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