MEMORANDUM Agenda Item No. 11(A)(2)

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

DATE: March 15, 2011

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

SUBJECT: Resolution urging Congress to refrain from eliminating funding for federal programs under the Workforce Investment Act in Program Year 2011 and rescinding prior year funds as part of the continuing resolution Appropriations Act for 2011 and the U.S. Government's Fiscal Year 2011 Budget

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Barbara J. Jordan.

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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**

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Approved _____ Mayor
Veto _____
Override _____

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RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION URGING CONGRESS TO REFRAIN FROM ELIMINATING FUNDING FOR FEDERAL PROGRAMS UNDER THE WORKFORCE INVESTMENT ACT IN PROGRAM YEAR 2011 AND RESCINDING PRIOR YEAR FUNDS AS PART OF THE CONTINUING RESOLUTION APPROPRIATIONS ACT FOR 2011 AND THE U.S. GOVERNMENT'S FISCAL YEAR 2011 BUDGET

WHEREAS, the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 ("WIA") was enacted by Congress as a comprehensive reform legislation to affect the federal job training programs and to create a complete workforce investment system; and

WHEREAS, under WIA, states are required to create statewide workforce investment boards; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Legislature enacted the Workforce Innovation Act of 2000, which implements WIA and created Workforce Florida, Inc. and the Workforce Florida Board; and

WHEREAS, there are currently 24 local areas or regions in Florida, and within each region WIA provides for the creation of a local workforce investment board; and

WHEREAS, the South Florida Workforce Investment Board ("SFWIB") provides workforce development services in Region 23 of the State of Florida (Miami-Dade and Monroe Counties); and

WHEREAS, SFWIB services and resources are available through a workforce delivery system consisting of Career Centers located throughout Region 23; and

WHEREAS, the SFWIB's delivery system is enhanced through the integration of available resources, coordination of services through effective linkages and partnerships, and the

sharing of information and referrals that may lead to successful employment and self-sufficiency for clients; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. House of Representatives voted recently on a massive set of funding cuts that would have significant repercussions for states and local governments, including Miami-Dade County; and

WHEREAS, HR 1, the Full Year Continuing Resolution Appropriations Act for 2011 would eliminate funding for a variety of federal programs and rescind funds previously made available, including funding for programs under WIA that would directly and severely impact the operations of the SFWIB; and

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County is already facing a high level of unemployment, and the loss of these federal funds would cause considerable harm to our struggling job and housing markets,

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

Section 1. Urges Congress to refrain from eliminating, reducing or rescinding funding to programs under the Workforce Investment of Act as part of fiscal year 2011 Continuing Resolution and the U.S. Government's Fiscal Year 2011 Budget.

Section 2. Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the U.S. House Speaker (R), U.S. House Minority Leader (D), U.S. President Pro Tempore of the Senate (D), U.S. Senate Majority Leader (D), U.S. Senate Minority Leader (R), and Members of the Miami-Dade Congressional Delegation.

Section 3. Directs the County's federal lobbyists to advocate for the legislation set forth in Section 1 above, and authorizes and directs that the 2011 Federal Legislative Package be amended to include this item.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Barbara J. Jordan. 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 15th day March, 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.

Martin W. Sybblis