MEMORANDUM Agenda Item No. 11(A)(23)

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

DATE: May 3, 2011

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

SUBJECT: Resolution declaring the month of April 2011 as Water Conservation Month in Miami-Dade County

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

R. A. Cuevas, Jr.
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 DECLARING THE MONTH OF APRIL 2011 AS WATER CONSERVATION MONTH IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY

WHEREAS, clean and sustainable water resources are vital to Florida's environment, economy and quality of life; and

WHEREAS, more than 90 percent of Florida's drinking water is supplied by underlying aquifers, and our quality of life and the economy depend upon a clean and healthy environment; and

WHEREAS, Floridians consume more than 7.9 billion gallons per day of fresh water, and the future of Florida depends greatly upon the availability of water; and

WHEREAS, the State of Florida together with local partners including Miami-Dade County are investing billions of dollars to restore the Everglades, develop alternative water supplies, reduce storm water pollution, upgrade drinking water facilities and improve wastewater treatment; and

WHEREAS, all water users in Miami-Dade County, including commercial, industrial, agricultural, institutional, hospitality, private citizens and others can make a positive contribution to reduce water use and protect Florida's water resources; and

WHEREAS, the South Florida Water Management District is implementing a Comprehensive Water Conservation Program to instill a lasting culture of conservation in our communities; and

WHEREAS, the Miami-Dade County Water and Sewer Department ("WASD") develops and administers the Miami-Dade Water Use Efficiency Program which is an operational and policy-based program and includes quantifiable best management practices and projects aimed at reducing water consumption; and

WHEREAS, the Water Use Efficiency Program has received recognition from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the Florida Department of Environmental Protection and the American Water Works Association; and

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County residents have reduced their consumption by 30 million gallons a day since the implementation of the Water Use Efficiency Program; and

WHEREAS, in 2009, this Board approved legislation requiring year-round landscape irrigation conservation measures which served as a model for the South Florida Water Management District's recent approval of similar District-wide requirements; and

WHEREAS, the Governor and Cabinet of the State of Florida are designating April as Florida's Water Conservation Month to encourage Floridians to conserve the state's precious water resources,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that the Board of County Commissioners hereby designates the month of April 2011 as Water Conservation Month in Miami-Dade County and urges all water users to take action by increasing their water use efficiency and take appropriate measures to conserve and protect our State's most vital natural resource.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is 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:

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

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

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 3rd day of May, 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. SED

Sarah E. Davis