

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(1)

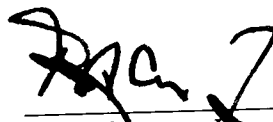
TO: Honorable Chairman Joe A. Martinez
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: July 19, 2011

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

SUBJECT: Resolution urging Governor
Rick Scott and the Florida
Legislature to seek alternate
sources to fund critical social
service programs within
Miami-Dade County that were
vetoed from the state budget

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor
Commissioner Dennis C. Moss.



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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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7-19-11

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION URGING GOVERNOR RICK SCOTT AND THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO SEEK ALTERNATE SOURCES TO FUND CRITICAL SOCIAL SERVICE PROGRAMS WITHIN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY THAT WERE VETOED FROM THE STATE BUDGET

WHEREAS, on May 26, 2011, Governor Rick Scott vetoed more than \$615 million from the state budget for fiscal year 2011-12 that had been passed by the Florida Legislature during the 2011 session; and

WHEREAS, among the funds vetoed were funds for programs that provide critical social services in Miami-Dade County, including

- DeAllapattah Community Center Hot Meals Program, \$430,298;
- Farm Share, \$750,000;
- Goulds Coalition of Ministries and Lay People, \$100,000;
- La Liga – League Against Cancer, \$100,000;
- Little Havana Activities and Nutrition Center, \$300,000;
- Richmond Heights Resource Center, \$100,000; and

WHEREAS, DeAllapattah Community Center Hot Meals Program provides food to low-income seniors in the Allapattah area; and

WHEREAS, Farm Share is a non-profit organization, dedicated to the recovery, sorting, packing and distribution of nutritious foods for people in need; and

WHEREAS, Goulds Coalition of Ministers and Lay people, Inc. is a community based non-profit organization with the mission of enhancing the lives and school success of low income children and to empower the residents of Goulds and the surrounding communities; and

WHEREAS, League Against Cancer / La Liga Contra el Cancer is a community-based, not-for-profit organization providing free medical care to needy cancer patients; and

WHEREAS, the Little Havana Activities and Nutrition Centers of Dade County, Inc. provides low-income, frail, isolated elderly persons and refugees with quality social, nutrition and health services, allowing them to continue to live at home, albeit with some assistance and avoid costlier institutionalization; and

WHEREAS, the Richmond Heights Resource Center assists adults, children, the elderly and families to achieve self sufficiency in their daily life experiences, to diminish poverty and hunger and to promote the general welfare of the Richmond Heights community; and

WHEREAS, these programs all provide vitally important social services to members of our community; and

WHEREAS, these programs are particularly important in the economic downturn that we are currently experiencing; and

WHEREAS, this Board strongly supports all of these programs and urges Governor Rick Scott and the Florida Legislature to seek alternate funding sources for critical social services programs within Miami-Dade County that were vetoed from the fiscal year 2011-12 state budget,

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

Section 1. Urges Governor Rick Scott and the Florida Legislature to seek alternate sources to fund critical social service programs within Miami-Dade County that were vetoed in the state budget.

Section 2. Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit certified copies of the resolution to the Governor, Senate President, House Speaker, and the Chair and Members of the Miami-Dade State Legislative Delegation.

Section 3. Directs the County's state lobbyists to advocate for the legislation set forth in section 1 above, and authorizes and directs that the 2011 and 2012 state legislative packages be amended to include this item.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Dennis C. Moss. 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:

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| | Joe A. Martinez, Chairman |
| | Audrey M. Edmonson, Vice Chairwoman |
| Bruno A. Barreiro | Lynda Bell |
| Esteban L. Bovo, Jr. | Jose "Pepe" Diaz |
| Sally A. Heyman | Barbara J. Jordan |
| Jean Monestime | Dennis C. Moss |
| Rebeca Sosa | Sen. Javier D. Souto |
| Xavier L. Suarez | |

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 19th day of July, 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.



Jess M. McCarty