



**MEMORANDUM**

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(15)

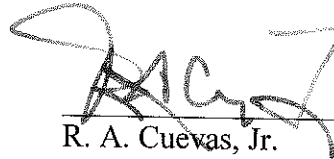
**TO:** Honorable Chairman Joe A. Martinez  
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

**DATE:** November 8, 2012

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

**SUBJECT:** Resolution directing the County Mayor to report to the Board of County Commissioners detailing the steps needed and timeline required to establish a program available to employees of Miami-Dade County modeled on the Arkansas Home Energy Affordability Loan (HEAL) Program

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



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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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11-8-12

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

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COUNTY MAYOR TO REPORT TO THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS DETAILING THE STEPS NEEDED AND TIMELINE REQUIRED TO ESTABLISH A PROGRAM AVAILABLE TO EMPLOYEES OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY MODELED ON THE ARKANSAS HOME ENERGY AFFORDABILITY LOAN (HEAL) PROGRAM

**WHEREAS**, the State of Arkansas, with the assistance from the William J. Clinton Foundation, has pioneered a program called the Home Energy Affordability Loan (HEAL); and

**WHEREAS**, the HEAL program provides a mechanism for businesses and local governments to provide small loans to qualifying employees to invest in energy efficiency home improvements; and

**WHEREAS**, approved energy efficiency projects generate energy savings to the employee and are then paid back by the employee through payroll deductions which are amortized through a “pay as you save” schedule that ties payments to the savings realized through lower utility bills; and

**WHEREAS**, County employees have accepted multiple years of reductions in compensation and benefits, and such a home energy efficiency loan program can help reduce energy costs for participating employees; and

**WHEREAS**, it is in the best interest of the County to encourage investment in home energy efficiency upgrades because such investment creates job opportunities in the sectors hardest hit in the recession – home construction and associated businesses – and creates opportunities to grow “green collar” jobs; and

**WHEREAS**, such a program, especially if replicated by other local governments and businesses, would spark demand for building trade professionals while creating incentives for the purchase of household durable goods from local retailers,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA**, that the Board of County Commissioners directs the Mayor or the Mayor's designee to provide a report to the Board detailing the steps needed and timeline required to establish a program available to employees of Miami-Dade County modeled on the Arkansas Home Energy Affordability Loan (HEAL) program that would:

1. Finance energy efficiency retrofits for qualifying employees using payroll deduction as the repayment mechanism.
2. Identify energy efficiency retrofit projects of County facilities that can be used as the energy savings "bank" to fund such a program.
3. Partner with the Dade County Federal Credit Union as the County's lending partner.
4. Review loan qualification standards that incorporate factors of employment, such as longevity and good work habits, in lieu of credit history or lack of credit history

The Mayor is further directed to engage Florida Power and Light and Homestead Energy Services to determine how such a program could best leverage their assistance in providing free energy audits and utility rebates for efficiency upgrades. The Board requires such report to be due in 120 days from the date of this resolution.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Jean Monestime and the Co-Sponsor 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

Esteban L. Bovo, Jr.

Sally A. Heyman

Jean Monestime

Rebeca Sosa

Xavier L. Suarez

Lynda Bell

Jose "Pepe" Diaz

Barbara J. Jordan

Dennis C. Moss

Sen. Javier D. Souto

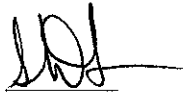
The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 8<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2012. This resolution shall become effective ten (10) days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board.

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.



Shannon D. Summerset