MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(22)

TO: Honorable Chairwoman Rebeca Sosa
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: April 2, 2013

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

SUBJECT: Resolution supporting and approving the Southeast Florida Tri-County State Legislative Compact; urging the Florida Legislature to enact legislation set forth in the compact

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor the Economic Development and Port Miami Committee.

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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 Mayor'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 SUPPORTING AND APPROVING THE SOUTHEAST FLORIDA TRI-COUNTY STATE LEGISLATIVE COMPACT; URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO ENACT LEGISLATION SET FORTH IN THE COMPACT

WHEREAS, Broward, Miami-Dade and Palm Beach Counties are three home rule charter counties (the "Compact Counties") which together constitute the Tri-County Area of Southeast Florida and share in common a strong quality of life deeply rooted in the area's vigorous economy, environmental resources of global significance and rich cultural heritage; and

WHEREAS, the Compact Counties total more than five and a half million residents and are similarly impacted by legislation under consideration by the Florida Legislature; and

WHEREAS, the Mayors of Broward, Miami-Dade and Palm Beach Counties recently met in an effort to coordinate efforts for the 2013 state legislative session, arriving at five issues that the three counties could work together in achieving as set forth in the Southeast Florida Tri-County State Legislative Compact, which is attached and incorporated by reference; and

WHEREAS, the Boards of County Commissioners for Broward and Palm Beach Counties have already approved the attached Compact; and

WHEREAS, a united vision for the Tri-County Area coupled with coordinated action will best serve the citizens of the Southeast Florida region; and

WHEREAS, this Board desires to support the Southeast Florida Tri-County State Legislative Compact and would urge the Florida Legislature to enact legislation set forth in the Compact,

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

Section 1. Supports and approves the Southeast Florida Tri-County State Legislative Compact.

Section 2. Urges the Florida Legislature to enact the legislation set forth in the Southeast Florida Tri-County State Legislative Compact.

Section 3. Directs the County's state lobbyists to advocate for the issues identified in the Compact, and authorizes and directs the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs to amend Miami-Dade County's 2013 State Legislative Package to include the issues identified in the Compact.

Section 4. Directs the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs and the County's state contract lobbyists to coordinate efforts with their counterparts in Broward and Palm Beach Counties in pursuing the Compact Counties' 2013 Legislative Program.

Section 5. Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the members of the Governor, Senate President, House Speaker, the Chair and Members of the Miami-Dade County State Legislative Delegation and the Mayors of Broward and Palm Beach Counties.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is the Economic Development and Port Miami Committee. 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:

Rebeca Sosa, Chairwoman
Lynda Bell, Vice Chair

Bruno A. Barreiro
Jose "Pepe" Diaz
Sally A. Heyman
Jean Monestime
Sen. Javier D. Souto
Juan C. Zapata
Esteban L. Bovo, Jr.
Audrey M. Edmonson
Barbara J. Jordan
Dennis C. Moss
Xavier L. Suarez

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 2nd day of April, 2013. 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. GBK for JMM

Jess M. McCarty

SOUTHEAST FLORIDA TRI-COUNTY
STATE LEGISLATIVE COMPACT

WHEREAS, Broward, Miami-Dade, and Palm Beach Counties, three home rule charter counties (the "Compact Counties") which together constitute the Tri-County Area of Southeast Florida, share in common a strong quality of life deeply rooted in the area's vigorous economy, environmental resources of global significance, and rich cultural heritage; and

WHEREAS, the Compact Counties and their respective populations, totaling more than five and a half million residents, are similarly impacted by legislation enacted by the Florida Legislature; and

WHEREAS, the Compact Counties desire to support state legislation which fosters efficient mobility, economic development, environmental protection and restoration, voting confidence and accessibility, and a fair and equitable justice system; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Legislature, the Governor and executive branch agencies may offer positive initiatives for the tri-county area, and the Compact Counties wish to partner with the state to realize the enactment and reasonable implementation of such initiatives in a manner that enhances economic opportunity and the quality of life for all the tri-county area's residents; and

WHEREAS, at times, the Florida Legislature, the Governor and executive branch agencies may undertake initiatives detrimental to the area's residents or the counties' exercise of power to protect the health, safety and welfare of the area's residents, and the Compact Counties desire to work with the state to shape those initiatives consistent with the vision contemplated through this compact; and

WHEREAS, the Compact Counties agree that by working together they are able to leverage greater advocacy for legislation which supports the counties' goal to tirelessly serve their residents; and

WHEREAS, a united vision for the tri-county area coupled with coordinated and collective action, will best serve the citizens of the region; NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARDS OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE THREE COUNTIES OF THE TRI-COUNTY AREA OF SOUTHEAST FLORIDA (the "Compact Counties"), that each county shall work in close collaboration with the other counties who are parties to this Compact to:

SECTION 1: Regional Transportation. Support a regional vision for transportation, heighten traffic efficiency, smooth flow of traffic on roads and highways, and advocate for the reinvestment of transportation revenue, i.e. tolls, generated from local drivers back into the Tri-County Area.

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SECTION 2: Extreme Weather Resiliency. Support for the Southeast Florida Regional Climate Change Compact Counties' State and Federal Energy and Climate Legislative Program, which includes, but is not limited to, prioritizing funding for climate-related programming as well as legislation that recognizes a definition of regional Adaptation Action Areas that would assist in prioritizing funding for especially vulnerable areas of the country.

SECTION 3: Everglades Restoration. Oppose any attempt to decrease funding for the complete implementation of the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan as fundamental to Everglades Restoration. The Compact Counties also agree to support and promote policies that recognize the role of a restored Everglades in planning for sustainability and climate adaptation.

SECTION 4: Elections Reform. Support legislation designed to give local Supervisors of Elections (SOE) flexibility in identifying suitable voting sites; allow county employees to act as voting clerks, and; expand voting days and hours.

SECTION 5: State Corrections Cost Shift. Oppose attempts by the Legislature to further shift costs to counties in the area of correctional detention. The Compact Counties also agree to oppose policies which would shift inmates with less than a year's sentence, at the time of sentencing, from prisons to jails.

Adopted by each Board of County Commissioners and signed by the Mayor thereof on each date reflected below:

COUNTY	Date of Adoption	Mayor's Signature
Broward County:	2-26-13	Kristin Jacobs, Mayor
Miami-Dade County:		Carlos A. Gimenez, Mayor
Palm Beach County:	3/12/13	Steven L. Abrams, Mayor