

# MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(7)

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


**DATE:** September 17, 2013

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

**SUBJECT:** Resolution joining the Biscayne  
Bay Coalition in support of the  
completion of the Biscayne Bay  
Coastal Wetlands Project

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The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Sally A. Heyman and Co-Sponsors Commissioner Audrey M. Edmonson and Chairwoman Rebeca Sosa.

  
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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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9-17-13

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

RESOLUTION JOINING THE BISCAYNE BAY  
COALITION IN SUPPORT OF THE COMPLETION OF  
THE BISCAYNE BAY COASTAL WETLANDS  
PROJECT

**WHEREAS**, Biscayne Bay is a part of the Greater Everglades Ecosystem; and

**WHEREAS**, the majority of Biscayne Bay is designated as a national park which protects approximately 172,000 acres of submerged lands and associated coastal habitats; and

**WHEREAS**, the remainder of Biscayne Bay is designated as an aquatic preserve and “Outstanding Florida Waters,” which protect approximately 55,000 acres of bay waters; and

**WHEREAS**, Biscayne Bay spans the entire coast of Miami-Dade County and is an iconic part of the view-scape of Miami and the Beaches; and

**WHEREAS**, Biscayne Bay supports the economy of Miami-Dade County and surrounding areas through tourism, recreation, fishing and the shipping industries, including the Port of Miami; and

**WHEREAS**, the Biscayne Bay Aquatic Preserve and Biscayne National Park are nursery grounds for numerous species that support the commercial and recreational fisheries vital to Miami-Dade’s economy; and

**WHEREAS**, the quality of the water in and entering Biscayne Bay is essential for human health and safety and sustaining a healthy, productive, and well-balanced environment; and

**WHEREAS**, fresh water flows into Biscayne Bay have been severely diminished due to impacts from drainage and alterations to historic Everglades flow patterns; and

**WHEREAS**, Biscayne Bay is a natural estuary in need of ongoing monitoring and restoration; and

**WHEREAS**, Biscayne Bay supports endangered and threatened species; and

**WHEREAS**, Biscayne Bay and its coastal wetlands play a vital role in the Atlantic flyway serving as a migratory pathway for wildlife and is globally important; and

**WHEREAS**, the Biscayne Bay Coalition was formed by the Tropical Audubon Society to improve the health of Biscayne Bay,

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

**Section 1.** Joins the Biscayne Bay Coalition in supporting the completion of the Biscayne Bay Coastal Wetlands Project and its goals toward restoration of Biscayne Bay, as part of the Greater Everglades and the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan.

**Section 2.** Supports in concept the development and adoption of a state rule to protect the current beneficial flow of surface and ground water into Biscayne Bay subject to evaluation with regard to the water supply needs of Miami-Dade County.

**Section 3.** Supports state and local government land acquisition efforts to purchase coastal wetlands and adjacent lands needed for the Biscayne Bay Coastal Wetlands Project and recharge of Miami-Dade's aquifer.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Sally A. Heyman and the Co-Sponsors are Commissioner Audrey M. Edmonson and Chairwoman 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:

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 17<sup>th</sup> day of September, 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.



Lauren E. Morse