MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(5)

TO:	Honorable Chairwoman Rebeca Sosa and Members, Board of County Commissioners	**DATE:**	October 22, 2013
FROM:	R. A. Cuevas, Jr. County Attorney	**SUBJECT:**	Resolution supporting reauthorization of the Florida Enterprise Zone Program currently set to sunset on December 31, 2015

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

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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 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 REAUTHORIZATION OF THE FLORIDA ENTERPRISE ZONE PROGRAM CURRENTLY SET TO SUNSET ON DECEMBER 31, 2015

WHEREAS, the Florida Legislature created the Florida Enterprise Zone Program in 1982 to provide economic incentives to induce private investment in economically distressed areas within Florida; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Enterprise Zone Program has the goals of revitalizing and rehabilitating distressed areas, encouraging businesses to locate and expand in these areas, stimulating employment among area residents and enhancing the general social and economic well-being; and

WHEREAS, to achieve these goals, state and local governments provide investments and tax incentives to encourage businesses to invest and locate in designated enterprise zones; and

WHEREAS, these incentives include job and property tax credits as well as sales tax refunds; and

WHEREAS, in 2005, the Florida Legislature enacted Chapter 2005-287, Laws of Florida (HB 1725), which re-designated existing enterprise zones and extended the Enterprise Zone Program until December 31, 2015; and

WHEREAS, during the 2010 session, the Florida Legislature enacted Chapter 2010-147, Laws of Florida (SB 1752), which directed the Florida Legislature's Office of Program Policy

Analysis & Government Accountability (OPPAGA) to review and evaluate the Florida Enterprise Zone Program; and

WHEREAS, in January, 2011, OPPAGA released Report No. 11-01, which found that over the prior five years, the Florida Enterprise Zone Program has awarded $187 million in incentives; and

WHEREAS, the OPPAGA report indicated that enterprise zones in Miami-Dade County received more than half of all enterprise zone incentives statewide, with 55 percent of the total amount of incentives statewide in the past five years, totaling approximately $87.6 million in incentives going to Miami-Dade County; and

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County's Enterprise Zone Program consists of three areas:

1. North Central, which encompasses a large part of Northwest Miami-Dade County, including Miami International and Opa-locka Airports, parts of east Hialeah, the Empowerment Zone and a satellite in North Dade;
2. South Dade, which covers part of the cities of Cutler Bay, Homestead and Florida City, as well as Perrine and Princeton; and
3. Miami Beach, which includes parts of South Beach, Collins Avenue and North Beach; and

WHEREAS, Section 290.016, Florida Statutes, currently provides that the Florida Enterprise Zone program will stand repealed effective December 31, 2015; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Legislature will need to extend the Florida Enterprise Zone program during either the 2014 or 2015 sessions in order to keep the program in place; and

WHEREAS, given the positive impact the Florida Enterprise Zone program has had on economic development, particularly in Miami-Dade County, this Board would like to urge the Florida Legislature to extend the program,

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

Section 1. Supports the reauthorization of the Florida Enterprise Zone Program currently set to sunset on December 31, 2015.

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 the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs to include this item in the 2014 and 2015 state legislative packages when they are presented to the Board.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is 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	Esteban L. Bovo, Jr.
Jose "Pepe" Diaz	Audrey M. Edmonson
Sally A. Heyman	Barbara J. Jordan
Jean Monestime	Dennis C. Moss
Sen. Javier D. Souto	Xavier L. Suarez
Juan C. Zapata	

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 22nd day of October, 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. JMM

Jess M. McCarty