MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(3)

TO:	Honorable Chairwoman Rebeca Sosa and Members, Board of County Commissioners	**DATE:**	November 19, 2013
FROM:	R. A. Cuevas, Jr. County Attorney	**SUBJECT:**	Resolution urging the Florida Legislature, Governor and Florida Commissioner of Agriculture & Consumer Services to provide state funding for the marketing of the Miami International Agriculture, Horse & Cattle Show

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Senator Javier D. Souto.

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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 URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE, GOVERNOR AND FLORIDA COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE & CONSUMER SERVICES TO PROVIDE STATE FUNDING FOR THE MARKETING OF THE MIAMI INTERNATIONAL AGRICULTURE, HORSE & CATTLE SHOW

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County has a long history in both agriculture and cattle in a state known for both; and

WHEREAS, the first Miami International Agriculture, Horse and Cattle Show was held in 2008, and began with the goals of promoting Florida's agriculture industry, providing beef producers with international commerce opportunities and improving agricultural awareness in Miami-Dade County; and

WHEREAS, the Miami International Agriculture, Horse and Cattle Show is held each year at the Ronald Reagan Equestrian Center at Tropical Park, a premier park in the Miami-Dade County Parks system; and

WHEREAS, the eighth annual Miami International Agriculture, Horse & Cattle Show will be held in 2014; and

WHEREAS, the Miami International Agriculture, Horse & Cattle Show has evolved into an excellent opportunity to showcase the significance of agriculture and cattle in Miami-Dade County; and

WHEREAS, the Miami International Agriculture, Horse & Cattle Show also has evolved into a significant link between the United States and international cattle and horse industries, particularly between the United States and Latin America; and

WHEREAS, the Miami International Agriculture, Horse & Cattle Show has served to develop Miami-Dade County's potential to serve as an international gateway between international and domestic markets in the agriculture industry; and

WHEREAS, the Miami International Agriculture, Horse & Cattle Show now draws over 60,000 visitors, with representatives from over 24 countries including Argentina, Brazil, Guatemala, Panama, and Russia, and cattle breeders from over 18 states including Florida, Georgia, Texas, Arizona, Arkansas and Missouri, who have exhibited over a dozen breeds of cattle at the Show; and

WHEREAS, this Board would like to urge the Florida Legislature, Governor and Florida Commissioner of Agriculture & Consumer Services to provide state funding for the marketing of the Miami International Agriculture, Horse & Cattle Show,

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

Section 1. Urges the Florida Legislature, Governor and the Florida Commissioner of Agriculture & Consumer Services to provide state funding for the marketing of the Miami International Agriculture, Horse & Cattle Show.

Section 2. Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the Governor, Commissioner of Agriculture & Consumer Services, the Chair and Members of the Senate General Government Appropriations Subcommittee, the Chair and Members of the House Agriculture and Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee and the Chair and Members of the Miami-Dade State Legislative Delegation.

Section 3. Directs the County's state lobbyists to advocate for the appropriation set forth in Section 1 above, 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 Senator Javier D. Souto. 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 19th day of November, 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