

# MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A) (36)

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**TO:** Honorable Chairman Jean Monestime  
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

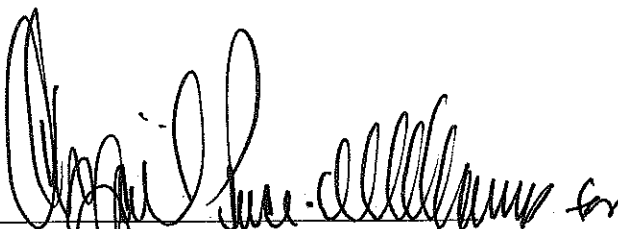
**DATE:** February 3, 2015

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

**SUBJECT:** Resolution urging the Florida Legislature, the Governor and the Agriculture Commissioner to continue to administer the Emergency Food Assistance Program in such a way that Farm Share, Inc. can continue to provide balanced and nutritious meals to the hungry in Miami-Dade County and the State of Florida

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The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner 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

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Veto \_\_\_\_\_

2-3-15

Override \_\_\_\_\_

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

RESOLUTION URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE, THE GOVERNOR AND THE AGRICULTURE COMMISSIONER TO CONTINUE TO ADMINISTER THE EMERGENCY FOOD ASSISTANCE PROGRAM IN SUCH A WAY THAT FARM SHARE, INC. CAN CONTINUE TO PROVIDE BALANCED AND NUTRITIOUS MEALS TO THE HUNGRY IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY AND THE STATE OF FLORIDA

**WHEREAS**, Farm Share, Inc. ("Farm Share") is a large-scale food bank and charitable packinghouse located in Homestead, Florida and in Quincy, Florida, that is working to end hunger; and

**WHEREAS**, Farm Share taps into a large supply of donated produce from Florida farmers, and provides fresh fruits and vegetables and other nutritious food to the hungry; and

**WHEREAS**, Farm Share re-sorts and packages such surplus food and distributes it free of charge to individuals, soup kitchens, homeless shelters, churches, and other organizations feeding the hungry in Miami-Dade County and the State of Florida; and

**WHEREAS**, part of the food that Farm Share distributes comes from the Emergency Food Assistance Program, which is a federal nutrition program administered through the United States Department of Agriculture; and

**WHEREAS**, the Emergency Food Assistance Program helps supplement the diets of low-income Americans, including elderly people, by providing them with emergency food and nutrition assistance at no cost; and

**WHEREAS**, the Emergency Food Assistance Program provides canned goods and poultry through the State of Florida to Farm Share that, combined with the produce Farm Share distributes, results in nutritious, well-balanced meals for people in need; and

**WHEREAS**, there is a concern that changes are being proposed or considered at the state level that may result in the Emergency Food Assistance Program being contracted to only one organization statewide, which could prevent Farm Share from continuing to provide canned goods and poultry to the hungry from the Emergency Food Assistance Program; and

**WHEREAS**, such changes could negatively impact the people who rely on Farm Share for food,

**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, the Governor and the Agriculture Commissioner to continue to administer the Emergency Food Assistance Program in such a way that Farm Share, Inc. can continue to provide balanced and nutritious meals to the hungry in Miami-Dade County and the State of Florida.

**Section 2.** Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the Governor, Agriculture Commissioner, 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 action as set forth in Section 1 above, and authorizes and directs the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs to amend the 2015 State Legislative Package previously approved by the Board to include this item.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner 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:

Jean Monestime, Chairman  
Esteban L. Bovo Jr., Vice Chairman

Bruno A. Barreiro	Daniella Levine Cava
Jose "Pepe" Diaz	Audrey M. Edmonson
Sally A. Heyman	Barbara J. Jordan
Dennis C. Moss	Rebeca Sosa
Sen. Javier D. Souto	Xavier L. Suarez
Juan C. Zapata	

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of February, 2015. This resolution shall become effective upon the earlier of (1) 10 days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the County Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board, or (2) approval by the County Mayor of this Resolution and the filing of this approval with the Clerk of the 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.



Jess M. McCarty

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