MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(14)

TO:	Honorable Chairman Jean Monestime and Members, Board of County Commissioners	**DATE:**	September 1, 2015
FROM:	R. A. Cuevas, Jr. County Attorney	**SUBJECT:**	Resolution urging the Florida Legislature to pass legislation that would fund the development of an Agribusiness Innovation Center in Miami-Dade County

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

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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**

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Approved _____ Mayor
Veto _____
Override _____

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RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO PASS LEGISLATION THAT WOULD FUND THE DEVELOPMENT OF AN AGRIBUSINESS INNOVATION CENTER IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY

WHEREAS, an agribusiness is a business that earns most or all of its revenue from farming, processing and manufacturing, as well as packaging and distributing agricultural products; and

WHEREAS, Agribusiness Innovation Centers (AICs) help entrepreneurs improve existing agricultural products and deepen market share in existing markets, or enter new markets and develop new agricultural products; and

WHEREAS, AICs play a proactive role in providing entrepreneurs market opportunities and market information, financial management skills and access to appropriate financing products, technological information and training, mentorship and assistance with navigating regulatory requirements, standards and compliance, as well as agribusiness entrepreneur networks, competitions, and fairs; and

WHEREAS, an AIC in Miami-Dade County would greatly benefit County residents and entrepreneurs; and

WHEREAS, through the partnership of Florida International University and the University of Florida's Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences and Tropical Research and Education Center, Miami-Dade County plans to develop an AIC in the County; and

WHEREAS, it is critical to obtain state funding for the development of an AIC in Miami-Dade County; and

WHEREAS, this Board would like to urge the Florida Legislature to pass legislation that would fund the development of an AIC in Miami-Dade County,

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 to pass legislation that would fund the development of an Agribusiness Innovation Center in Miami-Dade County.

Section 2. Directs the Clerk of this Board to send a certified copy of this resolution to the Governor, Senate President, House Speaker, the Chair and Members of the Miami-Dade State Legislative Delegation.

Section 3. Directs the County's state lobbyists to advocate for the legislative action set forth in Section 1 above, and authorizes and directs the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs to add this item to the 2016 State Legislative Package when it is presented to the Board.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Dennis C. Moss. 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 1st day of September, 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.

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