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Agenda Item No. 11(A)(37)

04-24-07

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CLERK OF THE BOARD  
OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA**

RESOLUTION NO. R-461-07

RESOLUTION DIRECTING COUNTY MANAGER TO DIRECT THE AGRICULTURAL MANAGER TO COMPLETE A BIOFUEL PRODUCTION FEASIBILITY STUDY, AND SEEK GRANTS AND OTHER FUNDING SOURCES FOR THE FEASIBILITY STUDY AND DEVELOPMENT OF FUEL CROPS, ETHANOL AND BIODIESEL PRODUCTION IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY

**WHEREAS**, the agricultural industry of Miami-Dade County is critical to the long-term economic viability of the County; and

**WHEREAS**, the agriculture industry in Miami-Dade County must have opportunities to flourish through innovation and market competitiveness; and

**WHEREAS**, national security and energy policies have focused on the potential for biofuels to offset or even replace traditional petroleum transportation fuels; and

**WHEREAS**, Miami-Dade County agriculture should have the opportunity to compete effectively in the research, development and growth of biofuels; and

**WHEREAS**, the potential opportunity for Miami-Dade County growers to produce crops for biofuel production is unknown and must be fully assessed in order to determine how growers can participate in biofuel production; and

**WHEREAS**, the use of locally grown and refined biofuels will present opportunities to grow jobs in a burgeoning energy sector that can enhance the environment, security and economic self-sufficiency of Miami-Dade County; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of Florida recently adopted legislation promoting research and implementation of alternative fuels and the U.S. Department of Energy and Agriculture and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency provide grant funding for the same,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA**, that the County Manager is hereby directed by this Board to:

**Section 1.** Direct the Agricultural Manager to conduct a Biofuel Production Feasibility Study for Miami-Dade County's agricultural industry.

**Section 2.** Secure funding in the form of grants and other funding sources for the feasibility study and for public/private partnerships in the development of fuel crops, ethanol and biodiesel refining and distribution in Miami-Dade County.

**Section 3.** Make recommendations on how the County can further spur local development of fuel crops and other alternative fuel industries in Miami-Dade County.

The foregoing resolution was sponsored by Commissioner Katy Sorenson and offered by Commissioner Carlos A. Gimenez , who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Dennis C. Moss and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

	Bruno A. Barreiro, Chairman	aye	
	Barbara J. Jordan, Vice-Chairwoman	aye	
Jose "Pepe" Diaz	aye	Audrey M. Edmonson	absent
Carlos A. Gimenez	aye	Sally A. Heyman	absent
Joe A. Martinez	aye	Dennis C. Moss	aye
Dorin D. Rolle	aye	Natacha Seijas	absent
Katy Sorenson	aye	Rebeca Sosa	aye
Sen. Javier D. Souto	aye		

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 24<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2007. 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

Approved by County Attorney as  
to form and legal sufficiency.

Peter S. Tell



By: **KAY SULLIVAN**  
Deputy Clerk

**MEMORANDUM**

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**TO:** Honorable Chairman Bruno A. Barreiro  
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

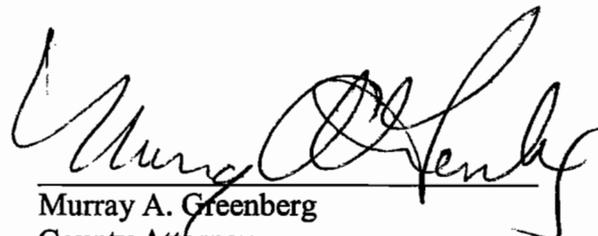
**DATE:** April 24, 2007

**FROM:** Murray A. Greenberg  
County Attorney

**SUBJECT:** Resolution directing County  
Manager to direct Agricultural  
Manager to complete a biofuel  
production feasibility study,  
and seek grants and other  
funding sources for  
development of fuel crops,  
ethanol and biodiesel  
production

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The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of  
Commissioner Katy Sorenson.

  
Murray A. Greenberg  
County Attorney

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# MEMORANDUM

(Revised)

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**Please note any items checked.**

- "4-Day Rule" ("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
- Bid waiver requiring County Manager's written recommendation
- Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Manager's report for public hearing
- Housekeeping item (no policy decision required)
- No committee review