Approved _____ Mayor
Veto _____
Override _____

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(56)

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MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

RESOLUTION NO. R-477-07

RESOLUTION URGING THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO PROVIDE FAIR AND EQUITABLE TREATMENT TO HAITIAN MIGRANTS

WHEREAS, Haitian migrants who reach U.S. shores can only stay in the U.S. if they prove a claim for political asylum; and

WHEREAS, Haitian migrants generally are viewed as economic rather than political migrants, even though the political realities in Haiti are that some people do in fact face political persecution; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. has a policy of keeping Haitian migrants in custody while their status is being reviewed, while other migrants are oftentimes released to relatives or sponsors; and

WHEREAS, Haitian migrants should receive fair and equitable treatment as well as due process,

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

Section 1. Urges the federal government to provide fair and equitable treatment to Haitian migrants.

Section 2. Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the members of the Miami-Dade County Congressional Delegation.

Section 3. Directs the County's federal lobbyists to advocate for the passage of the legislation set forth in Section 1 above, and directs the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs to include this item in the 2007 Federal Legislative Package.

The foregoing resolution was sponsored by Commissioner Audrey M. Edmonson, Commissioner Carlos A. Gimenez, Commissioner Katy Sorenson and Senator Javier D. Souto 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
Dorrin 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 24th 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

By: KAY SULLIVAN
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency. JMM

Jess M. McCarty

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 Urging the Federal Government to Provide Fair and Equitable Treatment to Haitian Migrants

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Commissioner Audrey M. Edmonson, Commissioner Carlos A. Gimenez, Commissioner Katy Sorenson and Senator Javier D. Souto.

Murray A. Greenberg
County Attorney

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MEMORANDUM

(Revised)

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

DATE: April 24, 2007

FROM: Murray A. Greenberg County Attorney

SUBJECT: Agenda Item No. 11(A)(56)

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**

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