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Veto _____
Override _____

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(6)
6-26-07

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MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

RESOLUTION NO. R-768-07

RESOLUTION URGING CONGRESS TO ADOPT THE ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT BLOCK GRANT ACT OF 2007

WHEREAS, the Energy and Environment Block Grant Act of 2007, House Bill H.R. 2447, is modeled after the very successful Community Development Block Grant program, which gives money directly to cities, counties, and states, and would provide the recipient governmental entities funds to increase their energy independence, decrease overall energy usage, and reduce greenhouse gas emissions; and

WHEREAS, the Energy and Environment Block Grant, as proposed, would provide for the distribution of one-time planning grants to local and state governments to support development of an Energy Efficiency and Climate Protection Strategy; and

WHEREAS, the Energy and Environment Block Grant, as proposed, would also provide for the distribution of annual grants to local and state governments, which would be available upon approval of local activities set forth under the above described Strategy; and

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County could benefit from one-time and annual grants provided pursuant to the Energy and Environment Block Grant; and

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County could utilize grant funds to encourage: energy efficiency in commercial, residential and municipal buildings; utilization of alternative fuels for fleets; the capture of methane from landfills and/or waste wastewater treatment plants; energy audits conducted with respect to business and residential uses; utilization of alternative transportation options; and developing land use plans that promote pedestrian-friendly communities,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that this Board urges the United States Congress to adopt legislation, substantially in the form of currently pending House Bill 2447, Energy and Environment Block Grant Act of 2007, sponsored by Representative Albert Russell Wynn, pursuant to which the Congress would provide for the distribution of one-time and annual grants to local and state governments.

The foregoing resolution was sponsored by Commissioner Natacha Seijas, and offered by Commissioner Natacha Seijas, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Rebeca Sosa and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Bruno A. Barreiro, Chairman absent
Barbara J. Jordan, Vice-Chairwoman aye

Jose "Pepe" Diaz	aye	Audrey M. Edmonson	aye
Carlos A. Gimenez	aye	Sally A. Heyman	aye
Joe A. Martinez	aye	Dennis C. Moss	aye
Dorrin D. Rolle	aye	Natacha Seijas	aye
Katy Sorenson	aye	Rebeca Sosa	aye
Sen. Javier D. Souto	aye		

The Chairman thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 26th day of June, 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.

By: KAY SULLIVAN
Deputy Clerk

M. Leigh Macdonald

MEMORANDUM

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

DATE: June 26, 2007

FROM: Murray A. Greenberg
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution urging Congress to adopt the Energy and Environment Block Grant Act of 2007

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Commissioner Natacha Seijas.

Murray A. Greenberg
County Attorney

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MEMORANDUM
(Revised)

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

DATE: June 26, 2007

FROM: Murray A. Greenberg County Attorney

SUBJECT: Agenda Item No. 11(A)(6)

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**