

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(22)

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

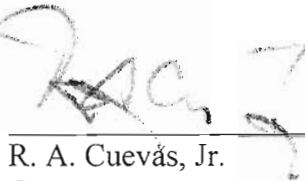
DATE: February 5, 2008

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

SUBJECT: Resolution urging Florida
Legislature to establish
program to provide matching
funds for solar and other
energy saving water heater
installations for low-income
homeowners

Resolution R-134-08

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Commissioner Katy Sorenson, Commissioner Jose "Pepe" Diaz, Commissioner Carlos A. Gimenez, Commissioner Joe A. Martinez, and Commissioner Rebeca Sosa.



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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

Approved _____ Mayor

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Veto _____

2-5-08

Override _____

RESOLUTION NO. R-134-08

RESOLUTION URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO
ESTABLISH A PROGRAM TO PROVIDE MATCHING FUNDS
FOR SOLAR AND OTHER ENERGY SAVING WATER
HEATER INSTALLATIONS FOR LOW-INCOME
HOMEOWNERS

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County has provided funding for solar water heater installations for low-income homeowners for the last several years; and

WHEREAS, the program has become one of the largest non-utility solar water programs in the State; and

WHEREAS, with a large population of economically disadvantaged families, there remains a substantial unmet need for such solar water heaters beyond what the County can provide on its own; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Legislature should replicate the success of the Miami-Dade solar water heater program across the state and establish a statewide program that provides matching funds to local governments for solar water heater programs for low-income homeowners; and

WHEREAS, the program should also include other energy saving water heater installations that are not necessarily solar; and

WHEREAS, state matching funds could increase local governments' ability to provide economic stability to low income homeowners through reduced electric bills and improved quality of life,

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 establish a program to provide matching funds for local programs that provide solar and other energy-saving water heaters to low-income homeowners.

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

Section 3. Directs the County's state lobbyists to advocate for the issue identified in section 1 above, and directs the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs to include this item in the 2008 state legislative package.

The foregoing resolution was sponsored by Commissioner Katy Sorenson, Commissioner Jose "Pepe" Diaz, Commissioner Carlos A. Gimenez, Commissioner Joe A. Martinez, and Commissioner Rebeca Sosa and offered by Commissioner **Joe A. Martinez**, 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	aye	
	Barbara J. Jordan, Vice-Chairwoman	absent	
Jose "Pepe" Diaz	aye	Audrey M. Edmonson	aye
Carlos A. Gimenez	aye	Sally A. Heyman	aye
Joe A. Martinez	aye	Dennis C. Moss	absent
Dorrin D. Rolle	aye	Natacha Seijas	absent
Katy Sorenson	aye	Rebeca Sosa	aye
Sen. Javier D. Souto	aye		

The Chairman thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 5th day of February, 2008. 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.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "JMM".

Jess M. McCarty