

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(7)

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

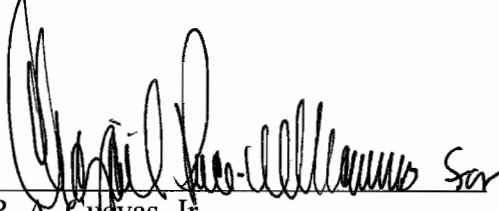
DATE: May 20, 2008

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

SUBJECT: Resolution urging Congress
to restore funding to the
Land and Water Conservation
Fund state and local grant
program

Resolution No. R-594-08

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



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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
Veto _____
Override _____

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5-20-08

RESOLUTION NO. R-594-08

RESOLUTION URGING CONGRESS TO RESTORE
FUNDING TO THE LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION
FUND STATE AND LOCAL GRANT PROGRAM TO \$125
MILLION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2008-09

WHEREAS the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) provides matching federal grants to states and local communities to develop outdoor recreation facilities, parks, and resources; and

WHEREAS, the need for funding these efforts stretches across the country, as the LWCF program has aided local projects in the vast majority of U.S. counties; and

WHEREAS, LWCF is considered one of the most successful partnership programs in the history of the Department of Interior; and

WHEREAS, according to the National Park Service, the “LWCF grant program has been successful in encouraging states to take greater responsibility for the protection and development of recreation resources at every level;” and

WHEREAS, between 2002 and 2005, the White House requested and Congress appropriated between \$89 million and \$140 million per year for the LWCF state and local program; and

WHEREAS, between 2006 and 2008, funding has dropped to an average of \$27 million annually, and the President’s proposed FY 2008-09 budget eliminates LWCF funding entirely; and

WHEREAS, with the LWCF program being substantially underfunded the past three years, the unmet need in every state has escalated; and

WHEREAS, in the 2007 Annual Report on the LWCF state assistance program, the National Park Service reported that states estimated their unmet need for outdoor recreation facilities and parkland acquisition at \$15.6 billion; and

WHEREAS, since its inception in 1965, the LWCF program has funded over 41,000 sports fields, recreation facilities, and natural parks, including the purchase and protection of 3 million acres of land and green space; and

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County Parks Department has received \$500,000 in grant funds from LWCF, and would apply for additional monies for urban renewal projects at parks and for acquisition of green space,

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

Section 1. Respectfully requests that the U.S. Congress restore funding to the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) state and local grant program to \$125 million for Fiscal Year 2008-09.

Section 2. Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit certified copies of the resolution to the Chair and Members of the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies; the Chair and Members of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies; and the members of the Florida 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 2008 and 2009 Federal Legislative Packages.

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The foregoing resolution was sponsored by Commissioner Dennis C. Moss 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	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
Dorin D. Rolle	aye	Natacha Seijas	absent
Katy Sorenson	aye	Rebeca Sosa	aye
Sen. Javier D. Souto	absent		

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 20th day of May, 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. JMM

Jess M. McCarty

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