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MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

MEMORANDUM Agenda Item No. 11(A)(18)

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

DATE: July 1, 2008

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

SUBJECT: Resolution urging the Florida Legislature to provide each region of Florida its fair share of funding

Resolution No. R-787-08

This resolution was amended by the Budget and Finance Committee to delete the words stricken through and to add the words underlined, as indicated in the item.

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Rebeca Sosa.

R. A. Cuevas, Jr.
County Attorney

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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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7-1-08

RESOLUTION NO. **R-787-08**

RESOLUTION URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO EQUALIZE FUNDING BASED ON POPULATION TO PROVIDE EACH REGION OF FLORIDA, INCLUDING SOUTH FLORIDA, ITS FAIR SHARE OF STATE FUNDING

WHEREAS, the Florida Legislature recently approved a state budget for fiscal year 2008-09 of approximately $66 billion; and

WHEREAS, the state's fiscal year 2008-09 budget cut approximately $5 billion from the previous year's budget of more than $71 billion; and

WHEREAS, it has long been the public perception that the residents of Miami-Dade, Broward, and Palm Beach Counties pay more in taxes to the State of Florida than these counties get back in state programs and services; and

WHEREAS, a recent study by the Miami Herald concluded that the people of Miami-Dade and Broward Counties sent over $7.15 billion in tax revenues to Tallahassee annually, but only received $6.69 million back, resulting in a difference of $460 million, which equals $144 for every adult in these two counties; and

WHEREAS, including Palm Beach County in this analysis likely would bring the annual difference to more than a half billion dollars between what the people of Miami-Dade, Broward and Palm Beach County contribute in tax revenue to the State of Florida compared with what the residents of these three counties receive back in state services and programs; and

WHEREAS, state funding probably can never be an exact science, but the Florida Legislature should strive [1]~~to equalize funding based on population to different regions of the state~~ as much as possible to provide each different region of the state its fair share of state funding,

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 ~~equalize funding based on population~~ provide to each region of ~~the state~~ Florida, including South Florida, its fair share of state funding.

Section 2. Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit certified copies of this Resolution to the Governor, the President of the Florida Senate, the Speaker of the Florida House, the Mayor and Members of the Broward County Board of County Commissioners, the Chair and Members of the Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners, and the Mayors, Chairs and members of the governing bodies of the municipalities within Miami-Dade, Broward, and Palm Beach Counties.

Section 3. Directs the County's state lobbyists to advocate for the issues identified in Section 1 above, and directs the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs to include this item in the 2009 state legislative package.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Rebeca Sosa. It was offered by Commissioner **Jose "Pepe" Diaz**, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **Katy Sorenson** and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

[1]Committee amendments are indicated as follows: words double-stricken through are deleted, words double-underlined are added.

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**
Dorrin D. Rolle	**absent**	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 1st day of July, 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