



**MEMORANDUM**

Amended  
Agenda Item No. 11(A) (4)

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

**DATE:** September 16, 2008

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

**SUBJECT:** Resolution relating to providing  
humanitarian aid to countries in the  
Caribbean devastated by tropical  
storm Fay and hurricanes Hanna,  
Gustav, and Ike

**Resolution No. R-972-08**

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Vice-Chairwoman Barbara J. Jordan, and the Co-Sponsors are Commissioner Jose "Pepe" Diaz, Commissioner Audrey M. Edmonson, Commissioner Sally A. Heyman, Commissioner Dennis C. Moss, and Commissioner Dorrin D. Rolle.

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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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9-16-08

RESOLUTION NO. R-972-08

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COUNTY MAYOR TO DEVELOP A MECHANISM FOR MIAMI-DADE COUNTY TO PROVIDE HUMANITARIAN AID TO THE COUNTRIES IN THE CARIBBEAN THAT HAVE BEEN DEVASTATED BY TROPICAL STORM FAY AND HURRICANES HANNA, GUSTAV, AND IKE; ENCOURAGING ALL COUNTY EMPLOYEES AND RESIDENTS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY TO PARTICIPATE IN THE HUMANITARIAN RELIEF EFFORTS; AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO PARTNER WITH OTHER AGENCIES IN CARRYING OUT THESE HUMANITARIAN EFFORTS

**WHEREAS**, prior to Tropical Storm Fay and Hurricanes Hanna, Gustav, and Ike, many Caribbean countries were suffering the devastation caused by escalating food prices and food shortages; and

**WHEREAS**, in many cases the storms have made an already grim situation abysmal; and

**WHEREAS**, these storms have caused extensive flooding, mudslides, loss of life and damaged or destroyed over one hundred thousand homes, displacing millions; and

**WHEREAS**, in light of this extreme devastation being faced by our neighbors in these Caribbean countries it is incumbent upon this County to offer assistance,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA**, that this Board directs the County Mayor to develop a mechanism for Miami-Dade County to provide direct humanitarian aid to the people living in Caribbean countries that have been devastated by Tropical Storm Fay and Hurricanes Hanna, Gustav, and Ike, where federal government policy and the policies of the countries permit such aid such as Haiti, the Bahamas, the Dominican Republic, and the Turks and Caicos Islands. The Mayor is further directed to develop a mechanism to provide direct humanitarian aid to the people of Cuba which can become available if the federal government

announces that it will authorize direct humanitarian aid to the people of Cuba. All County employees and residents of Miami-Dade County are encouraged to support and participate in the humanitarian relief efforts. The Mayor is also directed to work and partner with relief organizations in carrying out these humanitarian efforts.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Vice-Chairwoman Barbara J. Jordan and the Co-Sponsors are Commissioner Jose "Pepe" Diaz, Commissioner Audrey M. Edmonson, Commissionner Sally A. Heyman, Commissionner Dennis C. Moss, and Commissionner Dorrin D. Rolle. It was offered by Commissioner **Barbara J. Jordan**, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **Audrey M. Edmonson** and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

	Bruno A. Barreiro, Chairman	<b>aye</b>	
	Barbara J. Jordan, Vice-Chairwoman	<b>aye</b>	
Jose "Pepe" Diaz	<b>aye</b>	Audrey M. Edmonson	<b>aye</b>
Carlos A. Gimenez	<b>aye</b>	Sally A. Heyman	<b>aye</b>
Joe A. Martinez	<b>absent</b>	Dennis C. Moss	<b>aye</b>
Dorrin D. Rolle	<b>aye</b>	Natacha Seijas	<b>aye</b>
Katy Sorenson	<b>aye</b>	Rebeca Sosa	<b>aye</b>
Sen. Javier D. Souto	<b>absent</b>		

The Chairman thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 16th day of September, 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.  
Shannon D. Summerset