



**MEMORANDUM**

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(4)

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

**DATE:** December 16, 2008

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

**SUBJECT:** Resolution endorsing Miami-Dade  
County's participation in U.S. Cool  
Counties Program and its goals and  
objectives including the Climate  
Stabilization Declaration

**Resolution No. R-1431-08**

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

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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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12-16-08

RESOLUTION NO. R-1431-08

RESOLUTION ENDORSING MIAMI-DADE COUNTY'S  
PARTICIPATION IN U.S. COOL COUNTIES PROGRAM AND  
ITS GOALS AND OBJECTIVES INCLUDING THE CLIMATE  
STABILIZATION DECLARATION

**WHEREAS**, Miami-Dade County has been an active participant in the development of the goals and objectives of the U.S. Cool Counties Program; and

**WHEREAS**, Miami-Dade County has expressed its commitment to addressing the challenge of global climate change by joining the Chicago Climate Exchange and agreeing to contractual carbon emission reduction goals; and

**WHEREAS**, an official advisory board, the Climate Change Advisory Task Force (CCATF), has been established to provide recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners regarding actions to be taken by this government to further reduce carbon emissions; and

**WHEREAS**, adaptation strategies are also being formulated by the CCATF for consideration by the Board of County Commissioners; and

**WHEREAS**, professional staff have been developing a Climate Change Action Plan to identify the current local commitment of resources and clearly indicate the great need for federal assistance to make this community resilient; and

**WHEREAS**, the initiatives taken by Miami-Dade County are completely in accord with the goals and objectives of the U.S. Cool Counties Program; and

**WHEREAS**, as a participant in the U.S. Cool Counties Program, Miami-Dade County agrees with the Climate Stabilization Declaration and reaffirms its commitment to: reducing the County's contributions to climate change through operational efficiencies; demonstrating regional leadership to achieve climate stabilization; helping our local community to become climate resilient; and seeking assistance from the federal government to support our efforts; and

**WHEREAS**, the Program calls for 80% reduction of greenhouse gas emissions by 2050 including a reduction of fossil fuels; and

**WHEREAS**, the Cool Counties Climate Stabilization Declaration is an important joint initiative by local governments to combat global warming; and

**WHEREAS**, Miami-Dade County is proud to join King County, Washington; Nassau County, New York; Cook County, Illinois; Fairfax County, Virginia, and all of the other original signatories to the Declaration,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA**, that this Board hereby endorses the participation of Miami-Dade County in the U.S. Cool Counties Program and its goals and objectives contained in the Climate Stabilization Declaration.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Natacha Seijas. It was offered by Commissioner **Natacha Seijas**, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **Joe A. Martinez** and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

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

The Chairman thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 16<sup>th</sup> day of December, 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. *[Signature]*

Henry N. Gillman