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OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(8)

TO: Honorable Chairman Dennis C. Moss
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: February 17, 2009

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

SUBJECT: Resolution endorsing the Governor's goal of having Florida derive 20% of its energy from renewable energy sources by the year 2020

Resolution No. R-124-09

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Katy Sorenson, and Co-Sponsors Commissioner Sally A. Heyman 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 Mayor'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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RESOLUTION NO. **R-124-09**

RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE GOVERNOR'S GOAL OF HAVING FLORIDA DERIVE 20 PERCENT OF ITS ENERGY FROM RENEWABLE ENERGY SOURCES BY THE YEAR 2020 WITH AN EMPHASIS ON SOLAR AND WIND ENERGY; URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO ENACT LEGISLATION CREATING AN AGGRESSIVE RENEWABLE PORTFOLIO STANDARD THAT WILL REQUIRE 20 PERCENT OF FLORIDA ENERGY TO BE GENERATED BY RENEWABLE RESOURCES BY 2020

WHEREAS, Governor Charlie Crist has quickly brought Florida to the forefront of the national effort to find solutions to human-induced climate change, and has proposed a strong renewable energy goal of having Florida derive 20 percent of its electricity from renewable sources by the year 2020; and

WHEREAS, as defined by the United States Department of Energy, renewable energy includes solar, wind, biomass, hydrogen, geothermal, ocean, and hydropower, and is considered inexhaustible and constantly replenishing sources of energy; and

WHEREAS, a recent study commissioned by the Florida Public Service Commission (PSC) reinforces the Governor's position by showing that the goal of 20 percent renewable energy by 2020 goal is achievable, primarily through the use of solar, wind and biomass energy; and

WHEREAS, the PSC recently recommended that the State of Florida adopt the 20 percent by 2020 Renewable Portfolio Standard; and

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade is the largest county in the State of Florida with more than 2.4 million residents and has the largest population at risk from sea level rise caused by climate change; and

WHEREAS, both our urban infrastructure and the protection of our water supply is at risk from projected sea level rise, and the most effective way to stop or slow the anticipated impacts of climate change is to significantly reduce carbon emissions from our energy supply as quickly as possible; and

WHEREAS, the federal government is currently deliberating ways to stimulate the nation's economy through "green-collar jobs" and Miami-Dade continues to put programs and policies in place to spur job creation through renewable energy and energy conservation in our community; and

WHEREAS, the adoption of a strong renewable energy goal will help Florida stand out as a leader in the development and deployment of solar energy and as a smart place to grow renewable energy businesses,

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

Section 1. Strongly endorses the Governor's goal of getting 20 percent of our energy from renewable energy sources by the year 2020, with an emphasis on solar and wind energy.

Section 2. Urges the Florida Legislature to enact legislation creating an aggressive Renewable Portfolio Standard that will require Florida to generate 20 percent of our energy from renewable resources by the year 2020.

Section 3. Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the members of the Florida Governor, Senate President, House Speaker, and the Chair and Members of the Miami-Dade State Legislative Delegation.

Section 4. Directs the County's federal and state lobbyists to advocate for the passage of the legislation set forth in section 2 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 Katy Sorenson, and the Co-Sponsors are Commissioner Sally A. Heyman and Commissioner Rebeca Sosa. It was offered by Commissioner **Jose "Pepe" Diaz**, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **Rebeca Sosa** and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Dennis C. Moss, Chairman **aye**
Jose "Pepe" Diaz, Vice-Chairman **aye**

Bruno A. Barreiro	**aye**	Audrey M. Edmonson	**aye**
Carlos A. Gimenez	**aye**	Sally A. Heyman	**aye**
Barbara J. Jordan	**aye**	Joe A. Martinez	**aye**
Dorrin D. Rolle	**aye**	Natacha Seijas	**aye**
Katy Sorenson	**aye**	Rebeca Sosa	**aye**
Sen. Javier D. Souto	**absent**		

The Chairman thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 17th day of February, 2009. 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.

Jess M. McCarty

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