

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(17)


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

DATE: March 3, 2009

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

SUBJECT: Resolution urging Congress
and the U.S. Department of
Labor to target funds under
the federal stimulus package
to temporary jobs programs
provided by Community
Based Organizations
Resolution No. R-238-09

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Chairman Dennis C. Moss, and Co-Sponsor Commissioner Audrey M. Edmonson.



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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-238-09**

RESOLUTION URGING CONGRESS AND THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR TO TARGET FUNDS UNDER THE FEDERAL STIMULUS PACKAGE TO TEMPORARY JOBS PROGRAMS PROVIDED BY COMMUNITY BASED ORGANIZATIONS TO QUICKLY PUT PEOPLE BACK TO WORK

WHEREAS, the U.S. economy has lost more than 2.6 million jobs over the past year and U.S. companies continue to lay off tens of thousands of employees each week; and

WHEREAS, the unemployment rate for Miami-Dade County reached 7.0 percent in December, 2008; and

WHEREAS, economists from across the political spectrum have urged Congress to act quickly on a recovery package that creates jobs and spurs economic development; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. House of Representatives passed its economic stimulus package, H.R. 1, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) on Wednesday, January 28; and

WHEREAS, H.R. 1 is estimated to create or save as many as four million jobs over the next two years; and

WHEREAS, H.R. 1 would provide \$550 billion in new domestic spending and \$275 billion in tax relief and attention now turns to the U.S. Senate where consideration of the Senate's package, S. 1 is ongoing, with the goal of having a bill ready for President Barack Obama's signature by the President's Day recess in mid-February; and

WHEREAS, the \$550 billion in new domestic spending in H.R. 1 is targeted at creating public and private sector jobs in transportation, renewable energy, technology and other forward-looking fields; and

WHEREAS, in its current form, H.R. 1 would provide \$4 billion for worker training and jobs under the Workforce Investment Act (WIA), including \$2.7 billion in formula grants in the following three categories: \$1.2 billion to create up to one million summer jobs for youth, \$1 billion for dislocated workers, and \$500 million for adult jobs programs; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the \$2.7 billion in formula grants, H.R. 1 provides \$1.3 billion in WIA-related funding that will not be distributed based on standard formulas; and

WHEREAS, on a local level, in the wake of Hurricane Andrew, the U.S. Department of Labor funded temporary jobs programs provided by Community Based Organizations to employ people who had lost their jobs as a result of the economic impact from the storm; and

WHEREAS, this temporary jobs program provided by Community Based Organizations proved highly-effective not only at quickly providing jobs and paychecks, but also at providing a much-needed workforce for the community to help get the local economy going again; and

WHEREAS, the program provided a workforce for local infrastructure projects, schools, day cares and volunteer groups to meet needs that existed in many areas following the storm; and

WHEREAS, in conjunction with the infrastructure and additional WIA formula funding in the federal economic stimulus package, Congress and the U.S. Department of Labor should target funding to temporary jobs programs through Community Based Organizations to provide jobs to quickly put people back to work,

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

Section 1. Urges Congress and the U.S. Department of Labor to target funds under the federal stimulus package to temporary jobs programs provided by Community Based Organizations to quickly put people back to work.

Section 2. Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the members of the Florida Congressional Delegation and the U.S. Secretary of Labor.

Section 3. Directs the County's federal lobbyists to advocate for the legislation set forth in Section 1 above, and authorizes and directs that the 2009 Federal Legislative Package be amended to include this item.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Chairman Dennis C. Moss, and the Co-Sponsor is Commissioner Audrey M. Edmonson. 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	absent
Dorrian 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 3rd day of March, 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