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OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(6)

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

DATE: April 7, 2009

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

SUBJECT: Resolution requesting the County Mayor to work with the Foundation for Democracy in Africa (FDA), Beacon Council, Defense Alliance, Homestead Air Reserve Base (HARB), Southcom, and other appropriate groups in bringing AFRICOM to HARB

Resolution No. R-378-09

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Chairman Dennis C. Moss.

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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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4-7-09

RESOLUTION NO. **R-378-09**

RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO WORK WITH THE FOUNDATION FOR DEMOCRACY IN AFRICA (FDA), BEACON COUNCIL, DEFENSE ALLIANCE, HOMESTEAD AIR RESERVE BASE (HARB), SOUTHCOM, AND OTHER APPROPRIATE GROUPS IN BRINGING AFRICOM TO HARB

WHEREAS, the decision to create the United States-Africa Command (AFRICOM) was due in part to Africa's increasing strategic importance to the United States (U.S.); and

WHEREAS, the establishment of AFRICOM in Miami-Dade County will assist in achieving the goal of positioning Florida as the gateway to Africa as envisioned at the AfrICANDO Trade and Investment Conference in 1998. AfrICANDO 1998, a program initiated by the Foundation for Democracy in Africa (FDA), was born of the idea that Florida with its physical proximity to Africa and its solid infrastructure, makes the region ideal for moving people, products and services from the U.S. and other Western Hemisphere countries to Africa and facilitating goods, services, and people coming from Africa to the U.S. and other nations of the Western Hemisphere; and

WHEREAS, the economic benefit of Miami-Dade County serving as the gateway to Africa is enormous and will assist in enhancing the economic, social and cultural quality of life in the region, creating jobs and attracting more companies and institutions to Florida to take advantage of the increased U.S.-Africa trade and investment activities; and

WHEREAS, AFRICOM's presence in Miami-Dade County, specifically its relocation to HARB, will create jobs and expand economic activities as well as enhance South Florida's chances of success as a gateway to Africa,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that the Board requests the County's Mayor or Mayor's designee work with FDA, Beacon Council, HARB, Defense Alliance, SOUTHCOM, and other appropriate groups in bringing AFRICOM to HARB.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Chairman Dennis C. Moss. It was offered by Commissioner **Joe A. Martinez**, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **Jose "Pepe" Diaz** 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	**absent**	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	**aye**		

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 7th day of April, 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. CAL

Cynji A. Lee