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OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(20)

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

DATE: June 2, 2009

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

SUBJECT: Resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign Local Government Green Jobs Pledge

Resolution No. R-747-09

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

R. A. Cuevas, Jr.
County Attorney

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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-747-09**

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR THE MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO SIGN LOCAL GOVERNMENT GREEN JOBS PLEDGE

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County recognizes the value of a diverse and resilient economy and supports the development of new "Green-Collar" jobs in our County; and

WHEREAS, Green-Collar jobs provide new opportunities to employ our residents in growing industries that reduce our dependence on fossil fuels, cut greenhouse gases, eliminate toxins and protect our natural environment; and

WHEREAS, the Miami-Dade County Climate Change Advisory Task Force has identified the creation of Green-Collar jobs as a priority in the County's effort to control climate change emissions and to prepare our community for potential climate change-related impacts; and

WHEREAS, the organizations Green For All, Center for American Progress, Apollo Alliance, and ICLEI – Local Governments for Sustainability, have created a "Local Government Green Jobs Pledge"; and

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County can express its commitment to creating a sustainable future through such a pledge of support,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that this Board hereby authorizes and directs the Mayor or the Mayor's designee to sign the Local Government Green Jobs Pledge, a copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference hereto.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Katy Sorenson. It was offered by Commissioner **Katy Sorenson**, 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	**absent**	Sally A. Heyman	**absent**
Barbara J. Jordan	**absent**	Joe A. Martinez	**aye**
Dorrin D. Rolle	**aye**	Natacha Seijas	**absent**
Katy Sorenson	**aye**	Rebeca Sosa	**aye**
Sen. Javier D. Souto	**aye**		

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 2nd day of June, 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: **DIANE COLLINS**
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.

Peter S. Tell

LOCAL GOVERNMENT GREEN JOBS PLEDGE

BUILDING A GREEN ECONOMY FROM THE BOTTOM UP

The 21st century is our time to build an inclusive green economy in the United States that benefits our neighborhoods, our working families and our planet. Our green future will be invented at the local level and crafted by local leaders, and our actions will provide an example and a challenge to our state and federal governments. We are ready to rebuild American competitiveness and environmental leadership by growing a green economy that fights global warming, pollution and poverty at the same time.

AS LOCAL GOVERNMENT LEADERS, WE COMMIT TO:

Focus on green-collar jobs as a central strategy for advancing environmental, economic, and climate protection goals. Green-collar jobs:

- Provide pathways to prosperity for all workers;
- Offer competitive salaries and lead to a lasting career-track, thereby strengthening the US middle class;
- Emphasize community-based investments that cannot be outsourced;
- Contribute directly to preserving or enhancing environmental quality.

Grow an inclusive sustainable economy that creates green-collar jobs that:

- Strengthen and make further progress on our stated commitment to improving the environment in ways that grow both the green economy and green-collar jobs locally;
- Build on climate and environmental commitments to create market demand for green products, services, and skilled workers and create more prosperous local economies;
- Catalyze green-collar job creation and training by supporting policies that drive public and private investment in an inclusive local green economy; and
- Develop education and job training programs that improve social equity and provide pathways out of poverty for our residents while strengthening our middle class by equipping workers for high demand jobs in the green economy.

Execute tangible actions that place priority on building an inclusive green economy that will:

- Involve our communities in developing and enacting green-collar jobs initiatives;
- Drive accountability and resolve to continuously improve and strengthen our efforts to invest in climate solutions that create economic opportunity and build sustainable communities;
- Provide accessible leadership that is responsive to our communities as we evolve the green economy;
- Use the purchasing power of our local governments to create markets for renewable energy, energy efficiency and other green industries; and
- Invest new local government resources in programs and initiatives that build an inclusive green economy, while leveraging and aligning existing public resources, and private sources of capital and finance, toward these same goals.

We commit to join together as a movement of local governments across the United States to seize the economic, environmental and social opportunities offered by building an inclusive green economy of high quality jobs and a thriving green-collar workforce.

Let's do it now—together. There is no time to waste.

SIGNED

Mayor Martin Chávez
Albuquerque, New Mexico

County Executive Ron Sims
King County, Washington

TITLE

DATE

CITY OR COUNTY

GREEN FOR ALL

Center for American Progress

APOLLO ALLIANCE

ICLEI Local Governments for Sustainability

Please return completed form via fax to 510-663-6510, or scan and email to greenjobspledge@greenforall.org.