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OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(22)

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

DATE: June 30, 2009

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

SUBJECT: Resolution directing the County Mayor to prepare and implement an educational campaign to inform the public about ways to recycle or safely dispose of fluorescent light bulbs

Resolution No. R-873-09

The resolution was amended by the Government Operations Committee to add that an approval of the prepared educational campaign is required by the Board of County Commissioners prior to its implementation.

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

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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6-30-09

RESOLUTION NO. **R-873-09**

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO PREPARE AND IMPLEMENT AN EDUCATIONAL CAMPAIGN TO INFORM THE PUBLIC ABOUT WAYS TO RECYCLE OR SAFELY DISPOSE OF FLUORESCENT LIGHT BULBS

WHEREAS, fluorescent light bulbs are increasingly being used to save energy in homes and businesses, as well as County-owned and County-operated buildings; and

WHEREAS, fluorescent light bulbs contain a small amount of mercury; and

WHEREAS, mercury can contaminate the air, surface water, and ground water; and

WHEREAS, the recycling or proper disposal of fluorescent light bulbs may reduce the risk of such mercury contamination; and

WHEREAS, the State of Florida prohibits the incineration of spent lamps which contain mercury, Fla. Stat. 403.7186(3); and

WHEREAS, used fluorescent light bulbs may be taken to private businesses which have fluorescent light bulb recycling programs, and used fluorescent light bulbs from homes or residences may also be taken to the Miami-Dade County Department of Solid Waste Home Chemical Collection Centers; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Department of Environmental Protection has instructed consumers to visit www.earth911.org or call 1-800-CLEANUP to find a place to recycle fluorescent light bulbs in their area; and

WHEREAS, the risk of contamination from broken fluorescent light bulbs may be reduced by properly ventilating the room and following the Florida Department of

Environmental Protection's Guidelines for Cleaning up Broken Fluorescent Lamps, available for viewing online at www.dep.state.fl.us/waste/quick_topics/publications/shw/mercury/CFLCleanupGuidelinesLetterheadFinal062507.pdf; and

WHEREAS, these Guidelines suggest, among other things, wearing disposable gloves, using cardboard and sticky tape to pick up the lamp pieces and powder, thoroughly cleaning the area with a damp paper towel or disposable wet wipe, and sealing the lamp pieces and cleanup materials in double plastic bags; and

WHEREAS, education of the public on ways to recycle or properly dispose of fluorescent light bulbs may reduce the risk of mercury contamination,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that the County Mayor or his designee is directed to prepare and implement an educational campaign to inform the public about the ways to recycle or properly dispose of fluorescent light bulbs, >>but, this educational campaign shall be presented to the Board of County Commissioners for approval prior to its implementation.<<[1] [[~~and~~]] Furthermore, this educational campaign shall be prepared and implemented in a way that minimizes costs and uses existing Miami-Dade County resources, such as Miami-Dade County's web portal, the Miami-Dade County 311 hotline and a media relations campaign.

[1] Committee amendments are indicated as follows: words stricken through and/or [[double bracketed]] shall be deleted, words underscored and/or >>double arrowed<< constitute the amendment proposed.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is 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	**absent**	Audrey M. Edmonson	**aye**
Carlos A. Gimenez	**aye**	Sally A. Heyman	**aye**
Barbara J. Jordan	**aye**	Joe A. Martinez	**absent**
Dorrin D. Rolle	**aye**	Natacha Seijas	**aye**
Katy Sorenson	**aye**	Rebeca Sosa	**aye**
Sen. Javier D. Souto	**absent**		

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 30th 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.

Abbie N. Schwaderer