



**MEMORANDUM**

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(23)

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

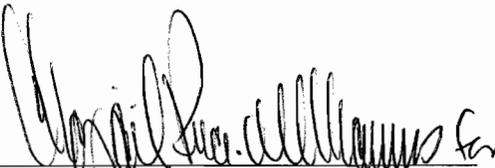
**DATE:** January 21, 2010

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

**SUBJECT:** Resolution urging the Florida  
Legislature to provide each region of  
the State, including Southeast Florida  
and Miami-Dade County, its fair  
share of state funding based on where  
revenue is generated

**Resolution No. R-70-10**

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



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**Please note any items checked.**

- "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**
- Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Manager's report for public hearing**
- No committee review**
- Applicable legislation requires more than a majority vote (i.e., 2/3's \_\_\_\_, 3/5's \_\_\_\_, unanimous \_\_\_\_ ) to approve**
- Current information regarding funding source, index code and available balance, and available capacity (if debt is contemplated) required**

Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Mayor  
Veto \_\_\_\_\_  
Override \_\_\_\_\_

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1-21-10

RESOLUTION NO. R-70-10

RESOLUTION URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO PROVIDE EACH REGION OF THE STATE, INCLUDING SOUTHEAST FLORIDA AND MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, ITS FAIR SHARE OF STATE FUNDING BASED ON WHERE REVENUE IS GENERATED

**WHEREAS**, it has long been the public perception that the residents of Miami-Dade, Broward, and Palm Beach Counties pay more in taxes to the State of Florida than these counties get back in state programs and services; and

**WHEREAS**, a 2008 study by the Miami Herald confirmed this perception and concluded that the people of Miami-Dade and Broward Counties sent over \$7.15 billion in tax revenues to Tallahassee annually, but only received \$6.69 billion back, resulting in a difference of \$460 million, which equals \$144 for every adult residing in these two counties; and

**WHEREAS**, including Palm Beach County in this analysis likely would bring the annual difference to more than a half billion dollars annually between what the people of the three Southeast Florida counties contribute in tax revenue to the State of Florida compared with what the residents of these three counties receive back in state services and programs; and

**WHEREAS**, state funding can never be an exact science, but the Florida Legislature should strive as much as possible to distribute funding to different regions of the state in relation to where revenue is generated to provide each region its fair share of state funding; and

**WHEREAS**, as state funding becomes more scarce during these difficult budget times resulting in programs and funding being cut, it becomes all the more important that the Legislature equitably distribute state funds,

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

**Section 1.** Urges the Florida Legislature to provide each region of the State of Florida, including Southeast Florida and Miami-Dade County, its fair share of state funding based on where revenue is generated.

**Section 2.** Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit certified copies of this Resolution to the Governor, Senate President, House Speaker, Mayor and Members of the Broward County Board of County Commissioners, the Chair and Members of the Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners, and the Mayors, Chairs and Members of the governing bodies of the municipalities within Miami-Dade, Broward, and Palm Beach Counties.

**Section 3.** Directs the County's state lobbyists to advocate for the issue identified in Section 1 above, and directs the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs to include this item in the 2010 state legislative package.

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 **Barbara J. Jordan** and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

	Dennis C. Moss, Chairman	<b>aye</b>
	Jose "Pepe" Diaz, Vice-Chairman	<b>aye</b>
Bruno A. Barreiro		<b>aye</b>
Carlos A. Gimenez		<b>aye</b>
Barbara J. Jordan		<b>aye</b>
Dorin D. Rolle		<b>aye</b>
Katy Sorenson		<b>aye</b>
Sen. Javier D. Souto		<b>absent</b>
	Audrey M. Edmonson	<b>aye</b>
	Sally A. Heyman	<b>aye</b>
	Joe A. Martinez	<b>aye</b>
	Natacha Seijas	<b>aye</b>
	Rebeca Sosa	<b>aye</b>

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 21<sup>st</sup> day of January, 2010. 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.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "JMM", is written over a horizontal line.

Jess M. McCarty