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OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

# MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(33)

**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 Congress to provide federal funding and assistance for the anticipated Haitian migration into Miami-Dade County

**Resolution No. R-80-10**

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Audrey M. Edmonson.

R. A. Cuevas, Jr.
County Attorney

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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**

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Approved _____ Mayor
Veto _____
Override _____

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RESOLUTION NO. **R-80-10**

RESOLUTION URGING CONGRESS TO PROVIDE FEDERAL FUNDING AND ASSISTANCE FOR THE ANTICIPATED HAITIAN MIGRATION INTO MIAMI-DADE COUNTY

**WHEREAS**, on January 12, 2010 a devastating earthquake hit Haiti, approximately 10 miles southwest of Port-au-Prince; and

**WHEREAS**, more than three million people -- a third of Haiti's population -- have been affected by the earthquake; and

**WHEREAS**, the earthquake is the latest in a series of events that have hit Haiti in recent years, including four deadly storms that struck Haiti in 2008; and

**WHEREAS**, even before the earthquake, Haiti was one of the poorest countries in the Western Hemisphere; and

**WHEREAS**, in the U.S., no county has a larger Haitian-American community than Miami-Dade County, with Kings County (Brooklyn), New York, having the second largest Haitian-American community and Broward County, Florida having the third largest; and

**WHEREAS**, according to the U.S. Census Bureau, there were 95,669 Haitian-Americans living in Miami-Dade County at the last U.S. census in 2000; and

**WHEREAS**, Miami-Dade County is likely to see a large and rapid influx of Haitian migrants into our community as a result of the recent earthquake; and

**WHEREAS**, Haitian migrants who come to our community are likely to need health care and social services quickly; and

**WHEREAS**, Miami-Dade County, as well as the cities located in Miami-Dade County, are likely to incur substantial costs in the areas of health care, social services, education and law enforcement as a result of this influx; and

**WHEREAS**, the federal government should provide funding both directly to assist Haitian migrants and to offset some of the expenses Miami-Dade County and other local governments are expected to incur as a result of anticipated migration of people from Haiti into our community,

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

Section 1. Urges Congress to provide federal funding and assistance both directly to assist Haitian migrants and to offset some of the expenses Miami-Dade County and other local governments are expected to incur as a result of the anticipated migration of people from Haiti into Miami-Dade County.

Section 2. Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the members of the Miami-Dade Congressional Delegation and the Mayor and Board of County Commissioners of Broward County.

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 2010 Federal Legislative Package be amended to include this item.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Audrey M. Edmonson. 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 **aye**
Jose "Pepe" Diaz, Vice-Chairman **aye**

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| Bruno A. Barreiro | **aye** | 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 | **absent** | | |

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 21st 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.

Jess M. McCarty