

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(5)

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

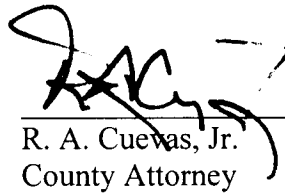
DATE: February 18, 2010

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

SUBJECT: Resolution urging the U.S.
Congress to pass economic
development legislation to
assist Haiti in rebuilding by
creating a program that includes
long-term commitments to
purchase products from Haiti

Resolution No. R-190-10

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.

- "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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2-18-10

RESOLUTION NO. R-190-10

RESOLUTION URGING THE U.S. CONGRESS TO PASS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT LEGISLATION TO ASSIST HAITI IN REBUILDING BY CREATING A PROGRAM THAT INCLUDES LONG-TERM COMMITMENTS TO PURCHASE PRODUCTS FROM HAITI

WHEREAS, on January 12, 2010, a devastating earthquake hit the Republic of 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, including hundreds of thousands of deaths and injuries; and

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

WHEREAS, even before the earthquake, Haiti was the poorest country in the Western Hemisphere even though it is located only six hundred miles from the U.S., a distance that is approximately the same as that from Miami to Atlanta, Georgia; and

WHEREAS, even before the earthquake, Haiti's per capita gross domestic product was 40 percent (40%) lower than that of Nicaragua, which is the hemisphere's next poorest country; and

WHEREAS, in the wake of the earthquake, Haiti is now in desperate need of economic development assistance from the U.S.; and

WHEREAS, Congress can help to stimulate economic development in Haiti through a program that establishes long-term commitments to purchase products from Haiti that could be produced in large job-intensive factories; and

WHEREAS, such a program would provide the incentives, stability and certainty needed to encourage businesses to establish locations in Haiti, as there would be a ready market for Haitian made products; and

WHEREAS, such a program will create jobs for Haitian citizens that can lead to a stable economy in Haiti,

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

Section 1. Urges the U.S. Congress to pass economic development legislation to assist Haiti in rebuilding by creating a program that includes long-term commitments to purchase products from Haiti that can be produced in large job-intensive factories which will attract businesses to locate in Haiti and stimulate economic growth.

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.

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 Chairman Dennis C. Moss. It was offered by Commissioner **Jose "Pepe" Diaz**, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **Dennis C. Moss** 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	absent	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 18th day of February, 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