



**MEMORANDUM**

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(11)

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

**DATE:** February 18, 2010

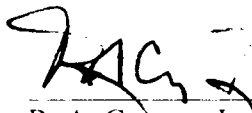
**FROM:** R. A. Cuevas, Jr.  
County Attorney

**SUBJECT:** Resolution directing Mayor or Mayor's designee to designate locations throughout Miami-Dade County for Haitian nationals displaced as a result of the January 12, 2010 earthquake to apply for Temporary Protected Status and for Haitian Americans repatriated to the United States as a result of the earthquake to receive valuable information about available social services

**Resolution No. R-196-10**

**The resolution was amended by the Housing and Community Development Committee. The amendment prioritizes service provided to persons seeking assistance with Temporary Protected Status applications to those persons with incomes at 200% or below of the Federal Poverty Income Guidelines utilized by the Community Service Block Grant (CSBG).**

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Barbara J. Jordan, and Co-Sponsors Commissioner Audrey M. Edmonson, Commissioner Dorrin D. Rolle and Commissioner Katy Sorenson.

  
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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-196-10

RESOLUTION DIRECTING MAYOR OR MAYOR'S  
DESIGNEE TO DESIGNATE LOCATIONS THROUGHOUT  
MIAMI-DADE COUNTY FOR HAITIAN NATIONALS  
DISPLACED AS A RESULT OF THE JANUARY 12, 2010  
EARTHQUAKE TO APPLY FOR TEMPORARY PROTECTED  
STATUS AND FOR HAITIAN AMERICANS REPATRIATED  
TO THE UNITED STATES AS A RESULT OF THE  
EARTHQUAKE TO RECEIVE VALUABLE INFORMATION  
ABOUT AVAILABLE SOCIAL SERVICES

**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 one of the poorest countries in the Western Hemisphere; and

**WHEREAS**, the destruction caused by the earthquake that hit Haiti does not allow Haitian nationals currently in the U.S. to safely return to Haiti; and

**WHEREAS**, on January 15, 2010, Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano announced the designation of Temporary Protected Status (TPS) for Haitian nationals who were in the United States as of January 12, 2010; and

**WHEREAS**, Haitian nationals in our community will need designated locations where they can apply for TPS; and

**WHEREAS**, Haitian Americans repatriated to the United States in the wake of the earthquake will also require reliable information and social services,

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

Section 1. Directs the Mayor or Mayor's designee to designate locations with qualified personnel throughout Miami-Dade County where Haitian nationals in the United States as of January 12, 2010 can apply for TPS. >>Priority service should be provided to those persons with incomes at 200% or below of the Federal Poverty Income Guidelines utilized by the Community Services Block Grant (CSBG).<<<sup>1</sup>

Section 2. Directs the Mayor or Mayor's designee to establish locations throughout Miami-Dade County where Haitian Americans repatriated to the United States as a result of the recent earthquake can obtain reliable information about available social services.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Barbara J. Jordan, and the Co-Sponsors are Commissioner Audrey M. Edmonson, Commissioner Dorrin D. Rolle and Commissioner Katy Sorenson. 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:

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<sup>1</sup> 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.

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

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 18<sup>th</sup> 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.

Martin W. Sybblis