

# MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(2)

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

**DATE:** March 16, 2010

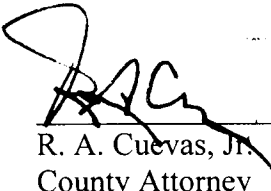
**FROM:** R. A. Cuevas, Jr.  
County Attorney

**SUBJECT:** Resolution urging President  
Obama's Administration to  
waive fees associated with  
filing for Temporary Protected  
Status by Haitian nationals  
seeking refuge in the U.S.  
following the recent earthquake

Resolution No. R-301-10

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

  
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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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RESOLUTION NO. R-300-10

RESOLUTION URGING PRESIDENT OBAMA'S  
ADMINISTRATION TO WAIVE FEES ASSOCIATED WITH  
FILING FOR TEMPORARY PROTECTED STATUS BY  
HAITIAN NATIONALS SEEKING REFUGE IN THE U.S.  
FOLLOWING THE RECENT EARTHQUAKE

**WHEREAS**, on January 15, 2010, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) announced that it would provide Temporary Protected Status (TPS) for Haitian nationals who were in the U.S. as of January 12, 2010, the date of the devastating earthquake in Haiti; and

**WHEREAS**, the TPS designation allows eligible Haitian nationals to continue living and working in the U.S. for the next 18 months; and

**WHEREAS**, the TPS designation will provide a temporary refuge for Haitian nationals who are currently in the U.S., whose personal safety could be endangered by returning to Haiti and who can play an important role in providing assistance to Haiti by working here and sending support to their families in Haiti; and

**WHEREAS**, since DHS announced TPS for Haitian nationals, thousands of Haitian nationals have applied for TPS, and DHS anticipates more than 200,000 Haitian nationals eventually will apply for TPS; and

**WHEREAS**, to register for TPS and work in the U.S., Haitian nationals must file an application for TPS and an application for employment authorization; and

**WHEREAS**, there are fees associated with such applications that are as high as \$470 per person; and

**WHEREAS**, if a person is unable to pay the fees associated with applying for TPS, DHS provides a mechanism to waive the fees; and

**WHEREAS**, the U.S. can further assist the rebuilding of Haiti by waiving the fees associated with filing for TPS for all Haitian nationals,

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

Section 1. Urges President Obama’s administration to waive the fees associated with filing for Temporary Protected Status by Haitian nationals seeking refuge in the U.S. following the recent earthquake.

Section 2. Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the members of the Florida Congressional Delegation and the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

Section 3. Directs the County's federal lobbyists to advocate for the action set forth in Section 1 above, and authorizes and directs the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs to include this item in the 2010 Federal Legislative Package.

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 **Rebeca Sosa** 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>absent</b>	Audrey M. Edmonson	<b>aye</b>
Carlos A. Gimenez	<b>aye</b>	Sally A. Heyman	<b>aye</b>
Barbara J. Jordan	<b>aye</b>	Joe A. Martinez	<b>absent</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>absent</b>		

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 16<sup>th</sup> day of March, 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 the text "Approved by County Attorney as to form and legal sufficiency."

Jess M. McCarty