

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(30)

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

DATE: April 6, 2010

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

SUBJECT: Resolution declaring the
month of April 2010 as
Water Conservation Month
Resolution No. R-406-10

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Carlos A. Gimenez and Co-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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RESOLUTION NO. R-406-10

RESOLUTION DECLARING THE MONTH OF APRIL 2010 AS
WATER CONSERVATION MONTH IN MIAMI-DADE
COUNTY

WHEREAS, clean and sustainable water resources are vital to Florida's environment, economy and quality of life; and

WHEREAS, more than 90 percent of Florida's drinking water is supplied by underlying aquifers, and our quality of life and the economy depend upon a clean and healthy environment; and

WHEREAS, Floridians consume more than 7.9 billion gallons per day of fresh water, and the future of Florida depends greatly upon the availability of water; and

WHEREAS, the State of Florida together with local partners including Miami-Dade County are investing billions of dollars to restore the Everglades, develop alternative water supplies, reduce storm water pollution, upgrade drinking water facilities and improve wastewater treatment; and

WHEREAS, water conservation can cost as little as 6¢ to 72¢ per 1,000 gallons of water saved, while the cost of constructing alternative water supply facilities can range from \$5 to \$7 per 1,000 gallons of water created; and

WHEREAS, all water users in Miami-Dade County, including commercial, industrial, agricultural, institutional, hospitality, private citizens and others can make a positive contribution to reduce water use and protect Florida's water resources; and

WHEREAS, the South Florida Water Management District is implementing a Comprehensive Water Conservation Program to instill a lasting culture of conservation in our communities; and

WHEREAS, the Miami-Dade County Water and Sewer Department (“WASD”) develops and administers the Miami-Dade Water Use Efficiency Program which is an operational and policy-based program and includes quantifiable best management practices and projects aimed at reducing water consumption; and

WHEREAS, this program has received recognition from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the Florida Department of Environmental Protection and the American Water Works Association; and

WHEREAS, in its first year, all of the water efficiency projects have exceeded the program’s water conservation goals contributing to a 10% overall water use reduction; and

WHEREAS, last year this Board approved legislation requiring year-round landscape irrigation conservation measures which served as a model for the South Florida Water Management District’s recent approval of similar District-wide requirements; and

WHEREAS, the Governor and Cabinet of the State of Florida are designating April as Florida’s Water Conservation Month to encourage Floridians to conserve the state’s precious water resources,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that the Board of County Commissioners hereby designates the month of April 2010 as Water Conservation Month in Miami-Dade County and urges all water users to take action by increasing their water use

efficiency and take appropriate measures to conserve and protect our State's most vital natural resource.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Carlos A. Gimenez and the Co-Sponsor is Commissioner Rebeca Sosa. It was offered by

Commissioner **Jose "Pepe" Diaz**, who moved its adoption. The motion was

seconded by Commissioner **Dorrin D. Rolle** 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	absent
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	aye		

The Chairman thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 6th day of April, 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.

Henry N. Gillman