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MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

MEMORANDUM Agenda Item No. 11(A)(18)

TO: Honorable Chairman Joe A. Martinez and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: October 4, 2011

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

SUBJECT: Resolution directing the Mayor to coordinate with the Dade County Farm Bureau to identify a list of County Parks that could feasibly be used as venues for Farmers' Markets for the community

Resolution No. R-887-11

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Senator Javier D. Souto and Co-Sponsor Commissioner Sally A. Heyman.

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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**

Approved _____ Mayor
Veto _____
Override _____

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RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE MAYOR OR MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO COORDINATE WITH THE DADE COUNTY FARM BUREAU TO IDENTIFY A LIST OF COUNTY PARKS THAT COULD FEASIBLY BE USED AS VENUES FOR FARMERS' MARKETS FOR THE COMMUNITY

WHEREAS, farmers' markets have become extremely popular throughout South Florida in recent years and are a welcome source of fresh and organic produce; and

WHEREAS, farmers' markets can be cultural programming for, and are beneficial to, the community because they provide direct contact between producers and consumers, which serves to educate residents about how their vegetables are grown, breads are made and meat is produced; and

WHEREAS, our environment also benefits from farmers' markets because they help to reduce: (1) the miles traveled to deliver food to commercial outlets; (2) vehicle pollution; and (3) the use of fossil fuels; and

WHEREAS, farmers' markets also serve to help bring residents together by facilitating social interaction, recreation and cultural exchanges between various communities; and

WHEREAS, it would be further beneficial to the cultural development of County residents if the County provides venues in County parks for farmers' markets so as to educate the public on food production; and

WHEREAS, the placement of farmers' markets in appropriate County parks would also help to attract residents to these parks and showcase some of the County's most scenic and family friendly recreational facilities; and

WHEREAS, the County should further collaborate with the Dade County Farm Bureau to identify appropriate County parks at which farmers' markets could be feasibly held on a regular basis,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that the Board hereby directs the County Mayor or Mayor's designee to coordinate with the Dade County Farm Bureau to investigate the feasibility of hosting regular farmers' markets at appropriate County parks, to the extent consistent with the County's Home Rule Amendment and Charter, and provide a list of such parks to this Board within 60 days of the effective date of this resolution.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Senator Javier D. Souto and the Co-Sponsor is Commissioner Sally A. Heyman. It was offered by Commissioner **Rebeca Sosa**, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **Jean Monestime** and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Joe A. Martinez, Chairman **absent**
Audrey M. Edmonson, Vice Chairwoman **aye**

Bruno A. Barreiro	**absent**	Lynda Bell	**aye**
Esteban L. Bovo, Jr.	**aye**	Jose "Pepe" Diaz	**aye**
Sally A. Heyman	**aye**	Barbara J. Jordan	**aye**
Jean Monestime	**aye**	Dennis C. Moss	**aye**
Rebeca Sosa	**aye**	Sen. Javier D. Souto	**aye**
Xavier L. Suarez	**aye**		

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 4th day of October, 2011. 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: Christopher Agrippa
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.

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