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MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(31)

TO: Honorable Chairman Jean Monestime and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: April 21, 2015

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

SUBJECT: Resolution supporting the 2015 Federal and State Legislative Priorities of the 16 County Ecosystem Summit and urging Congress and the Florida Legislature to enact the policies set forth therein; incorporating the 2015 Federal and State Legislative Priorities of the 16 County Ecosystem Summit into Miami-Dade County's 2015 Federal and State Legislative packages

Resolution No. R-356-15

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Rebeca Sosa.

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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 Mayor'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 SUPPORTING THE 2015 FEDERAL AND STATE LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES OF THE 16 COUNTY ECOSYSTEM SUMMIT AND URGING CONGRESS AND THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO ENACT THE POLICIES SET FORTH THEREIN; INCORPORATING THE 2015 FEDERAL AND STATE LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES OF THE 16 COUNTY ECOSYSTEM SUMMIT INTO MIAMI-DADE COUNTY'S 2015 FEDERAL AND STATE LEGISLATIVE PACKAGES

WHEREAS, the County Coalition is a multiple county-based advisory group organized primarily for the purpose of presenting to the general public, the South Florida Water Management District, the United States Army Corps of Engineers, the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, the Florida Legislature, and various groups and committees, a variety of issues dealing with the protection and restoration of the lakes, estuaries, and riverine systems consisting of Lake Okeechobee, the St. Lucie and Caloosahatchee Estuaries, and the Lake Worth Lagoon, and all of the water bodies connected thereto; and

WHEREAS, for the past three years, the County Coalition has hosted the "16 County Ecosystem Summit," where representatives from each of the 16 counties that comprise the South Florida Water Management District, including Miami-Dade County, gather to discuss and adopt shared legislative priorities associated with the health and welfare of South Florida's ecosystem; and

WHEREAS, the 16 County Ecosystem Summit represents over 8 million residents of Miami-Dade, Palm Beach, Martin, St. Lucie, Okeechobee, Osceola, Glades, Polk, Highlands, Lee, Hendry, Broward, Charlotte, Collier, Monroe and Orange Counties who are impacted by the restoration and protection of America's Everglades, the Kissimmee River and its floodplain, Lake Okeechobee, and South Florida's coastal estuaries; and

WHEREAS, on September 12, 2014, the 16 County Ecosystem Summit convened and determined its 2015 Federal and State Legislative Priorities, a copy of which is attached and incorporated by reference; and

WHEREAS, this Board desires to support the 2015 Federal and State Legislative Priorities of the 16 County Ecosystem Summit,

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

Section 1. Supports the 2015 Federal and State Legislative Priorities of the 16 County Ecosystem Summit.

Section 2. Urges Congress and the Florida Legislature to enact the policies set forth in the 2015 Federal and State Legislative Priorities of the 16 County Ecosystem Summit.

Section 3. Directs the County's federal and state lobbyists to advocate for the 2015 Federal and State Legislative Priorities of the 16 County Ecosystem Summit, and authorizes and directs the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs to amend Miami-Dade County's 2015 Federal and State Legislative Packages to include the 2015 Federal and State Legislative Priorities of the 16 County Ecosystem Summit.

Section 4. Directs the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs and the County's federal and state contract lobbyists to coordinate efforts with their counterparts in Broward, Monroe, and Palm Beach Counties in pursuing the 2015 Federal and State Legislative Priorities of the 16 County Ecosystem Summit.

Section 5. Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the members of the Florida Congressional Delegation, the Governor, Senate President, House Speaker, and the Chair and Members of the Miami-Dade County State Legislative Delegation.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Rebeca Sosa. It was offered by Commissioner **Esteban L. Bovo, Jr.**, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **Sally A. Heyman** and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Jean Monestime, Chairman			**aye**
Esteban L. Bovo Jr. Vice Chairman			**aye**
Bruno A. Barreiro	**aye**	Daniella Levine Cava	**aye**
Jose "Pepe" Diaz	**aye**	Audrey M. Edmonson	**aye**
Sally A. Heyman	**aye**	Barbara J. Jordan	**aye**
Dennis C. Moss	**aye**	Rebeca Sosa	**aye**
Sen. Javier D. Souto	**absent**	Xavier L. Suarez	**aye**
Juan C. Zapata	**absent**		

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 21st day of April, 2015. This resolution shall become effective upon the earlier of (1) 10 days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the County Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board, or (2) approval by the County Mayor of this Resolution and the filing of this approval with the Clerk of the 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. MJM

Michael J. Mastrucci

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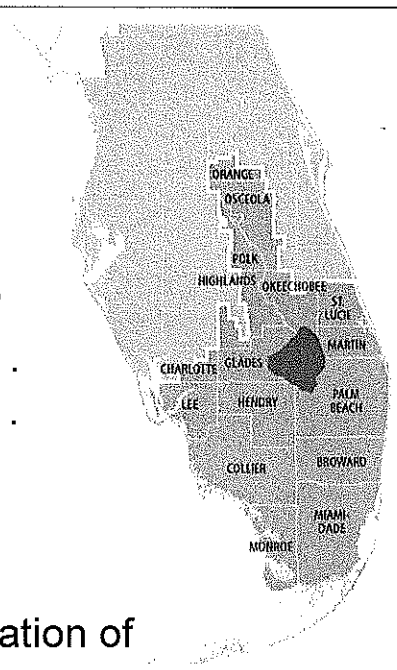

2015 FEDERAL AND STATE LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

Glades · Hendry · Highlands · Lee · Martin · Okeechobee · Osceola · Palm Beach · St. Lucie · Broward · Charlotte · Collier · Miami-Dade · Monroe · Orange · Polk

#1 Herbert Hoover Dike (HHD)

FEDERAL: Increase annual appropriation or rehabilitation of the HHD to accelerate project completion

#2 Kissimmee River Restoration

FEDERAL AND STATE: Continued appropriations to complete restoration

Other important priorities:

- **FEDERAL AND STATE:** Funding necessary to complete St. Lucie C-44 reservoirs/STA complex and the entire Indian River Lagoon-South project including the C-23, C-24 and C-25 projects
- **FEDERAL AND STATE:** Funding necessary to complete the C-43 project
- **FEDERAL:** An updated Water Resources and Reform Development Act every two years to include authorization of crucial ecosystem restoration projects
- **STATE:** Protect local fertilizer ordinances
- **STATE:** Protect local wetland protection ordinances, oppose any preemption to regulations, particularly in water control districts created and operating pursuant to chapter 298, Florida State Statutes
- **STATE:** Support the recommendations of the Senate Select Committee on Indian River Lagoon and Lake Okeechobee Basin