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MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(48)

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

DATE: October 6, 2015

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

SUBJECT: Resolution urging U.S. Representative Chris Gibson to file his proposed resolution expressing the House of Representatives' commitment to working constructively to create and support economically viable and broadly supported private and public methods to study and address the causes and effects of our changing climate; further urging the House of Representatives to enact such Legislation

Resolution No. R-916-15

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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10-6-15

RESOLUTION NO. R-916-15

RESOLUTION URGING U.S. REPRESENTATIVE CHRIS GIBSON TO FILE HIS PROPOSED RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES' COMMITMENT TO WORKING CONSTRUCTIVELY TO CREATE AND SUPPORT ECONOMICALLY VIABLE AND BROADLY SUPPORTED PRIVATE AND PUBLIC METHODS TO STUDY AND ADDRESS THE CAUSES AND EFFECTS OF OUR CHANGING CLIMATE; FURTHER URGING THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO ENACT SUCH LEGISLATION

WHEREAS, the United States Global Change Research Program discovered a marked increase in extreme weather events across the United States, including more frequent and severe heat waves, hurricanes and storms, extreme precipitation, wildfires, and water scarcity; and

WHEREAS, the changing climate has had noticeable, negative impacts, including growing invasive species and insect problems, threatened native plant and wildlife populations, and rising sea levels, which are expected to worsen in every region of the United States and its territories; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the changing climate, increased pollutants and other factors contribute to local, regional, and national environmental and human health impacts, including increased mercury in the fish we eat, elevated asthma rates among children, acid rain, smog, degraded water quality, and rapid storm water runoff that leads to costly infrastructure projects; and

WHEREAS, according to the United States Department of Defense 2014 Quadrennial Defense Review, the effects of the changing climate are threat multipliers that will aggravate stressors abroad such as poverty, environmental degradation, political instability, and social tensions; and

WHEREAS, U.S. Representative Chris Gibson (R – New York) has expressed interest in filing a resolution addressing our changing climate and the negative impacts felt across the nation as a result; and

WHEREAS, Representative Gibson's proposed resolution, a copy of which is attached hereto, expresses the House of Representatives' commitment to working constructively to create and support economically viable and broadly supported private and public solutions to study and address the causes and effects of our changing climate, including mitigation efforts; and

WHEREAS, Representative Gibson's proposed resolution is the first step in taking meaningful and responsible action to address both the symptoms and the long term effects caused by our changing climate; and

WHEREAS, this Board wishes to encourage Representative Gibson to file his proposed resolution and to continue to address the issues related to our changing climate which are plaguing our country,

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

Section 1. Urges U.S. Representative Chris Gibson to file his proposed resolution, as reflected in the copy attached hereto, expressing the House of Representatives' commitment to working constructively to create and support economically viable and broadly supported private and public methods to study and address the causes and effects of our changing climate, including mitigation efforts.

Section 2. Urges the House of Representatives to enact legislation that expresses its commitment to working constructively to create and support economically viable and broadly supported private and public methods to study and address the causes and effects of our changing climate, including mitigation efforts.

Section 3. Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to U.S. Representative Chris Gibson (R – New York) and the members of the Florida Congressional Delegation.

Section 4. Directs the County's federal lobbyists to advocate for the legislation and action set forth in Sections 1 and 2 above and authorizes and directs the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs to amend the 2015 Federal Legislative Package to include this item and to include this item in the 2016 Federal Legislative Package when it is presented to the Board.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Rebeca Sosa. It was offered by Commissioner **Dennis C. Moss**, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **Rebeca Sosa** 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	**absent**	Barbara J. Jordan	**aye**
Dennis C. Moss	**aye**	Rebeca Sosa	**aye**
Sen. Javier D. Souto	**aye**	Xavier L. Suarez	**aye**
Juan C. Zapata	**absent**		

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 6th day of October, 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 for

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(Original Signature of Member)

114TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. RES. _____

Expressing the commitment of the House of Representatives on climate change.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. GIBSON submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on _____.

RESOLUTION

Expressing the commitment of the House of Representatives on climate change.

Whereas prudent, fact-based stewardship of our economy and our environment is a critical responsibility for all Americans in order to ensure that we preserve our great Nation for future generations;

Whereas the United States Global Change Research Program found a marked increase in extreme weather events across the United States, including "more frequent heat waves, extreme precipitation, wildfires, and water scarcity";

Whereas this changing climate has had noticeable, negative impacts that are expected to worsen in every region of

the United States and its territories, including, among other significant weather events and environmental disruptions, longer and hotter heat waves, more severe storms, worsening flood and drought cycles, growing invasive species and insect problems, threatened native plant and wildlife populations, rising sea levels, and, combined with a lack of proper forest management, increased wildfire risk;

Whereas in addition to a changing climate, increased pollutants and other factors contribute to local, regional, and national environmental and human health impacts, including increased mercury in the fish we eat, elevated asthma rates for our children, acid rain, smog, degraded water quality, urban heat islands, and rapid storm water runoff that leads to costly infrastructure projects;

Whereas the 2014 Quadrennial Defense Review states that the effects of a changing climate are "threat multipliers that will aggravate stressors abroad such as poverty, environmental degradation, political instability, and social tensions";

Whereas, if left unaddressed, the consequences of a changing climate have the potential to adversely impact all Americans, hitting vulnerable populations hardest, harming productivity in key economic sectors such as construction, agriculture, and tourism, saddling future generations with costly economic and environmental burdens, and imposing additional costs on State and Federal budgets that will further add to the long-term fiscal challenges that we face as a Nation;

Whereas it is a conservative principle to protect, conserve, and be good stewards of our environment, responsibly

plan for all market factors, and base our policy decisions in science and quantifiable facts on the ground;

Whereas any efforts to mitigate the risks of, prepare for, or otherwise address our changing climate and its effects should not constrain the United States economy, especially in regards to global competitiveness; and

Whereas there is increasing recognition that we can and must take meaningful and responsible action now to address both the symptoms and the long term effects of this issue: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved,* That the House of Representatives commits
2 to working constructively to create and support economi-
3 cally viable, and broadly supported private and public solu-
4 tions to study and address the causes and effects of our
5 changing climate, including mitigation efforts and efforts
6 to proactively reverse or balance human activities that
7 have been found to be contributing factors.