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MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

MEMORANDUM Agenda Item No. 11(A)(27)

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

DATE: February 1, 2011

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

SUBJECT: Resolution urging Miami-Dade County's Congressional Delegation, Florida Governor Rick Scott, and the Florida Legislature to collaborate with Miami-Dade County to create a funding mechanism to subsidize the fees and costs associated with opening a new business in Miami-Dade County and other similar local governments

Resolution No. R-104-11

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 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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2-1-11

RESOLUTION NO. R-104-11

RESOLUTION URGING MIAMI-DADE COUNTY'S CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION, FLORIDA GOVERNOR RICK SCOTT, AND THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO COLLABORATE WITH MIAMI-DADE COUNTY TO CREATE A FUNDING MECHANISM TO SUBSIDIZE THE FEES AND COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH OPENING A NEW BUSINESS IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY AND OTHER SIMILAR LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

WHEREAS, it is reported that Florida's unemployment rate for November 2010 was approximately 12 percent; and

WHEREAS, it is also reported that Miami-Dade County's unemployment rate was at an average of 13 percent for November 2010; and

WHEREAS, it will likely take Florida's labor market years to recover from the current recession; and

WHEREAS, Florida continues to have one of the highest rates of foreclosure nationwide with approximately one in every 148 households receiving a foreclosure notice; and

WHEREAS, Florida's population ranks 4th in the United States behind California, Texas and New York, and its economic strengths include, but are not limited to, international trade, tourism, agriculture and the space industry; and

WHEREAS, government can influence the economy by, among other things, providing tax incentives and fostering a favorable business environment; and

WHEREAS, a collaborative relationship among Miami-Dade County, the state and federal government could be of great benefit to the residents of Miami-Dade County by way of stimulating the local economy and creating much needed jobs; and

WHEREAS, in particular, the state and federal government should work with Miami-Dade County to develop a funding mechanism to assist entrepreneurs with the cost of opening a new business in the County,

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

Section 1. Urges Miami-Dade County's Congressional Delegation, Florida Governor Rick Scott, and the Florida Legislature to collaborate with Miami-Dade County to stimulate Miami-Dade County's economy by developing a funding mechanism to subsidize the fees and costs associated with opening a new business in Miami-Dade County and other similarly situated local governments.

Section 2. Directs the County's Clerk of the Board to transmit certified copies of this resolution to the Members of the Miami-Dade Congressional Delegation, Governor Rick Scott and the Chair and Members of the Miami-Dade State Legislative Delegation.

Section 3. Directs the County's federal and state lobbyists to advocate against passage of the legislation identified in Section 1 above, and directs the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs to include this item in the 2011 and 2012 federal and state legislative packages.

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

Joe A. Martinez, Chairman			aye
Audrey M. Edmonson, Vice Chairwoman			aye
Bruno A. Barreiro	aye	Lynda Bell	aye
Jose "Pepe" Diaz	aye	Carlos A. Gimenez	aye
Sally A. Heyman	aye	Barbara J. Jordan	aye
Jean Monestime	aye	Dennis C. Moss	absent
Natacha Seijas	aye	Rebeca Sosa	aye
Sen. Javier D. Souto	aye		

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 1st day of February, 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: **DIANE COLLINS**
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.

Martin W. Sybblis