Approved _____ Mayor

Veto _____

Override _____

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(18)

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MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

RESOLUTION NO. R-76-07

RESOLUTION URGING THE U.S. GOVERNMENT TO ASSERT NECESSARY LEADERSHIP AND CONVINCE THE U.N. SECURITY COUNCIL TO URGENTLY DEPLOY A STRONG U.N. MISSION TO DARFUR TO ENSURE EFFECTIVE PROTECTION OF THE CIVILIAN POPULATION IN DARFUR

WHEREAS, in the Darfur region of the Sudan over 400,000 people have died since 2003 as the result of pro-government Janjawid militias that have attempted to destroy, in whole or in part, three African ethnic communities (the Fur, Zaghawa, and Massaleit); and

WHEREAS, there is an estimated 3.5 million people in the western Darfur region of Sudan trying to survive the Sudanese government-sponsored campaign of violence and forced starvation; and

WHEREAS, the United States government acknowledged on September 9, 2004, that "genocide has been committed in Darfur, and that the government of Sudan and the Janjawid bear responsibility"; and

WHEREAS, violence in Darfur has escalated recently and it has been predicted that the death-rate could rise as high as 100,000 per month if security collapses; and

WHEREAS, violence has now spilled into the neighboring country of Chad; and

WHEREAS, earlier this year, the United Nations Security Council passed a resolution authorizing a peacekeeping force to be sent to Darfur; and

WHEREAS, the United States has a clear moral and legal obligation to prevent genocide, such as that occurring in Darfur,

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

Section 1. This Board urges the U.S. government to provide necessary leadership and financial support to ensure the viability of the UN peacekeeping operation in this region and continue to support the African Union peacekeepers already there to ensure effective protection of the civilian population.

Section 2. The Clerk of the Board is directed to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the members of the Miami-Dade County Congressional Delegation.

The foregoing resolution was sponsored by Commissioner Katy Sorenson and Commissioner Audrey M. Edmonson and offered by Commissioner Sally A. Heyman, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Dennis C. Moss and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Bruno A. Barreiro, Chairman aye
Barbara J. Jordan, Vice-Chairwoman aye

Jose "Pepe" Diaz	aye	Audrey M. Edmonson	aye
Carlos A. Gimenez	aye	Sally A. Heyman	aye
Joe A. Martinez	aye	Dennis C. Moss	aye
Dorrin D. Rolle	aye	Natacha Seijas	absent
Katy Sorenson	aye	Rebeca Sosa	aye
Sen. Javier D. Souto	absent		

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 25th day of January, 2007. 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: KAY SULLIVAN
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency. JMM

Jess M. McCarty

MEMORANDUM

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TO: Honorable Chairman Bruno A. Barreiro and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: January 25, 2007

FROM: Murray A. Greenberg County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution Urging the U.S. Government to Convince the U.N. Security Council to Urgently Deploy a Strong U.N. Mission to Darfur

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Commissioner Katy Sorenson and Commissioner Audrey M. Edmonson.

Murray A. Greenberg
County Attorney

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MEMORANDUM

(Revised)

TO: Honorable Chairman Bruno A. Barreiro and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: January 25, 2007

FROM: Murray A. Greenberg, County Attorney

SUBJECT: Agenda Item No. 11(A)(18)

Please note any items checked.

_____ **"4-Day Rule" ("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**

_____ **Bid waiver requiring County Manager's written recommendation**

_____ **Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Manager's report for public hearing**

_____ **Housekeeping item (no policy decision required)**

_____ **No committee review**