

RESOLUTION CALLING FOR IMMEDIATE  
FEDERAL ACTION TO ALLEVIATE THE  
CRITICAL SITUATION OF THE HAITIAN  
IMMIGRANT, AND THE CONVENING OF  
FEDERAL HEARINGS TO INVESTIGATE  
THE PROBLEMS OF THE HAITIAN AND  
ARRIVE AT A FINAL DETERMINATION  
OF THEIR LEGAL STATUS

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WHEREAS, Haitian aliens have been fleeing Haiti in increasing numbers for the last eight (8) years, with most settling in South Florida, particularly Dade County; and

WHEREAS, Haitian aliens are not permitted to work or receive social security benefits and must, therefore, live a life of abject poverty, bearing the effects of malnutrition, illness and the lack of the basic human dignities afforded by work and self-support; and

WHEREAS, the County Manager, M. R. Stierheim, in an attempt to address the human service needs of Haitian aliens convened a Task Force of federal, statewide and local agency and civic organization representatives, to assist in the development of an administrative position and plan of action for the provision of human services to these Haitian aliens; and

WHEREAS, the Community Action Agency is in support of the Manager's efforts;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Dade County Community Action Agency Administering Board recommends that the Board of County Commissioners adopt the position and plan of action of the County Manager and seek additional support from the Legislators of the State of Florida, the Governor, other affected Boards of County Commissioners, namely Palm Beach and Broward, and Congressional delegations;

Further, be it resolved, that the Commission seek immediate federal action to alleviate the plight of Haitian immigrant, pending the determination of their legal status.

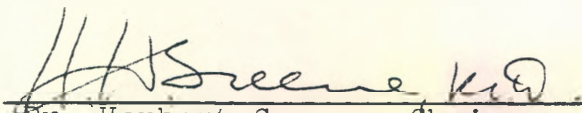
Further, be it resolved that the Dade County Commission request that the Federal Government convene hearings locally, to investigate the problems encountered by the Haitian immigrant and to gather information necessary to promulgate legislation determining the status of these Haitian immigrants.

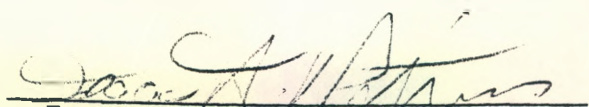
The foregoing resolution was offered by, \_\_\_\_\_, who moved for its adoption. The motion was seconded by \_\_\_\_\_, and being put to a vote, was approved.

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The Chairman of the Board thereupon declared the resolution passed and adopted on this 12th day of March, 1979.

  
Dr. Herbert Greene, Chairman  
CAA Administering Board

  
Isaac A. Withers, Director  
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