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City of Miami Commission Passes Several Significant Measures *-Legislation Passed to Help Residents, Haitians, Domestic Partners, and the Environment-*

(Miami, FL)- The City of Miami Commission today during their regular commission meeting passed several significant measures to benefit residents and employees.

Commissioners passed resolutions urging the administration to grant temporary protective status to Haitians in the US, and calling for the enactment of immediate healthcare reform, sending clear messages to the federal government that Miami leaders stand firmly behind these policies.

The Commission also adopted ordinances extending benefits to domestic partners of city employees and enacting a water conservation policy for the city.

“I commend the city commission for the initiative they have taken today to implement sound and responsible policies that will benefit this community for generations to come,” said Mayor Manny Diaz.

The following is a list of descriptions of each of the measures:

- **RE 6-- Resolution Urging President Obama to Grant Temporary Protective Status to Haitians in the US:** Recognizing that no other city feels Haiti’s pain more than Miami, where the hard working Haitian community has made a positive impact on our diverse city and continues to support fellow countrymen in dire need in Haiti, the Miami City Commission urges President Barack Obama and members of the US Congress to grant temporary protective status to Haitians in the United States. To read the resolution in its entirety, please go to:
<http://egov.ci.miami.fl.us/Legistarweb/Attachments/51338.pdf>
- **RE 4—Resolution Supporting and Calling for the Immediate Enactment of the Administration’s Healthcare Reform Principles:** Recognizing that cities are the

frontline of the healthcare crisis with high rates of uninsured and escalating costs affecting residents, businesses, and workers, the Miami City Commission supports and calls for immediate enactment of the Administration's healthcare reform principles. To read the resolution in its entirety, please go to:

<http://egov.ci.miami.fl.us/Legistarweb/Attachments/51335.pdf>

- **SR 2—Ordinance Amending the City Code to create the Water Conservation Ordinance:** To continue the City's comprehensive and aggressive environmental campaign to clean the city and reverse decades of environmental neglect, and to protect the quality and quantity of the city's water resources, the City of Miami is enacting year-round water conservation requirements that include date/time restrictions for landscape irrigation. To read the ordinance in its entirety, please go to:
<http://egov.ci.miami.fl.us/Legistarweb/Attachments/51328.pdf>
- **SR4—Ordinance Amending the City Code and Creating a New Chapter to Provide Employment Benefits to Domestic Partners of City Employees:** Recognizing that the provision of domestic partner benefits promotes fairness as well as employee retention and loyalty, the City of Miami is extending benefits so that any city employee who has a domestic partner shall be entitled to elect insurance coverage for his or her domestic partner or the children of such domestic partner in the same way any city employee can elect insurance coverage for their spouses and children. To read the ordinance in its entirety, please go to: <http://egov.ci.miami.fl.us/Legistarweb/Attachments/51281.pdf>

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