Agenda Item: **ADD-ON**

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PALM BEACH COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

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Meeting Date: October 4, 2011

[ ] **Consent** [X] **Regular**
[ ] **Ordinance** [ ] **Public Hearing**

Department: Community Services

Submitted By: Community Services

Submitted For: Community Services

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I. EXECUTIVE BRIEF

Motion and Title: Staff recommends motion to authorize: the Chair to sign a letter to Feeding America requesting support and direction related to actions intended to strengthen the food supply and distribution capability for delivering food to needy individuals in Palm Beach County.

Summary: A broad-based coalition of government agencies, foundations and local non-profit organizations has been participating in a new initiative to alleviate hunger in Palm Beach County. The initiative is identifying strategies to make more food available to local food pantries and feeding locations and to improve local coordination and capacity of feeding and hunger alleviation programs. Feeding America is a national organization that oversees a network of over 200 member food banks throughout the United States. Their support and local involvement is recognized as critical in expanding the supplemental food supply for distribution to needy individuals and families. Since the drafting and signing of this letter is being coordinated with multiple parties, advance approval for chair signature is being requested. Countywide (TKF)

Background and Justification: Nearly one in four U.S. households with children struggle to afford enough food for themselves and their families, according to a recently released report by the Food Research and Action Center (FRAC). The 2010 census reported that over 184,000 persons were living below federal poverty level in Palm Beach County. The food insecurity rate in Palm Beach County, according to Feeding America, is 16.8% or 212,500 people. The Community Food Alliance estimates that the annual food gap (food provided vs. food needed) here is over 30 million pounds.

Attachments: None

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Recommended by: _____ 9/28/11
Department Director **Date**

Approved By: _____ 9/29/11
Assistant County Administrator **Date**

II. FISCAL IMPACT ANALYSIS

A. Five Year Summary of Fiscal Impact:

Fiscal Years	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Capital Expenditures	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
Operating Costs	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
External Revenues	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
Program Income (County)	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
In-Kind Match (County)	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
NET FISCAL IMPACT	* see below -0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
# ADDITIONAL FTE POSITIONS (Cumulative)					

Is Item Included in Current Budget? Yes ____ No_____
Budget Account No.: Fund ____ Department ___ Units ___ Object ____ Program

B. Recommended Sources of Funds/Summary of Fiscal Impact:

* There is no fiscal impact associated with this item.

C. Departmental Fiscal Review: _____

III. REVIEW COMMENTS

A. OFMB Fiscal and/or Contract Development and Control Comments:

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OFMB
VA 9/29/11

9/30/11
Contract Development and Control
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B. Legal Sufficiency:

9/29/11

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Assistant County Attorney

C. Other Department Review:

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Department Director

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