

**MEMORANDUM**

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(12)

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

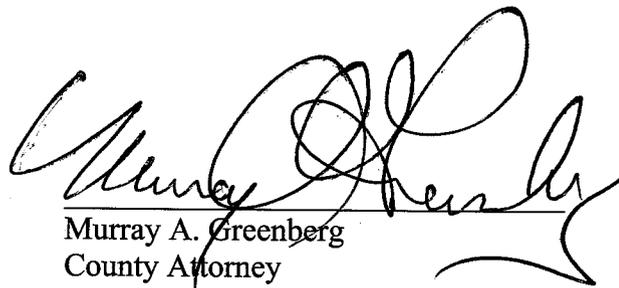
**DATE:** September 8, 2005

**FROM:** Murray A. Greenberg  
County Attorney

**SUBJECT:** Resolution requesting County  
Manager to direct Miami-  
Dade Police Dept. to develop  
policy relating to use of  
Tasers

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The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Dr. Barbara Carey-Shuler, Commissioner Barbara J. Jordan and Commissioner Dorrin D. Rolle.

  
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County Attorney

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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

Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Mayor

Veto \_\_\_\_\_

Override \_\_\_\_\_

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09-08-05

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

RESOLUTION REQUESTING COUNTY MANAGER TO DIRECT MIAMI-DADE POLICE DEPARTMENT TO DEVELOP A COMPREHENSIVE POLICY RELATING TO THE USE OF TASERS AND TO REFRAIN FROM USING THEM ON MINORS EXCEPT IN LIFE-THREATENING SITUATIONS

**WHEREAS**, there have been several recent incidents where Miami-Dade Police have used Tasers on minors; and

**WHEREAS**, there has been an expression of concern in the community that it may not have been necessary in every situation for Tasers to have been used; and

**WHEREAS**, this Board shares that concern; and

**WHEREAS**, the Director of the Miami-Dade Police Department has pledged to conduct a comprehensive review of the Department's policies regarding the use of Tasers; and

**WHEREAS**, this Board endorses such a comprehensive review, with specific emphasis being placed on refraining from use of Tasers on minors except in situations where there is an actual threat to the life of the minor, the police officer, or the public,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA**, that this Board requests the County Manager to direct the Miami-Dade Police Department to develop a comprehensive policy relating to the use of Tasers and to refrain from using them on minors except in life-threatening situations.

The foregoing resolution was sponsored by Dr. Barbara Carey-Shuler, Commissioner Barbara J. Jordan and Commissioner Dorrin D. Rolle and offered by Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_ and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Joe A. Martinez, Chairman	
Dennis C. Moss, Vice-Chairman	
Bruno A. Barreiro	Dr. Barbara Carey-Shuler
Jose "Pepe" Diaz	Carlos A. Gimenez
Sally A. Heyman	Barbara J. Jordan
Dorrin D. Rolle	Natacha Seijas
Katy Sorenson	Rebeca Sosa
Sen. Javier D. Souto	

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 8th day of September, 2005. 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: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Clerk

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

Murray A. Greenberg