

## MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11 (A) (16)

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

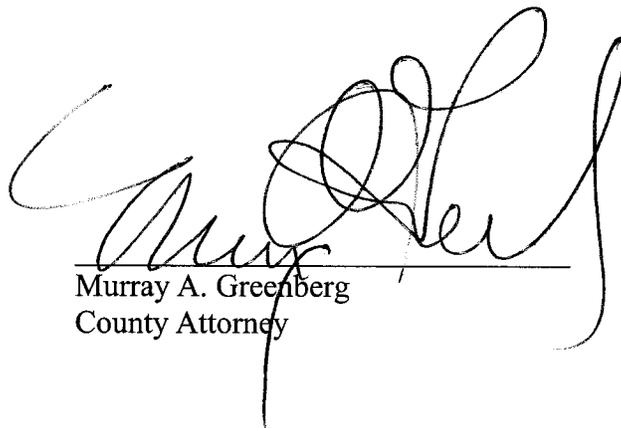
**DATE:** December 6, 2005

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

**SUBJECT:** Resolution relating to  
the Violence Against Women  
Act of 2005

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



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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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12-6-05

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

RESOLUTION URGING CONGRESS TO PASS THE  
VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN ACT OF 2005 AND FULLY  
FUND ALL ITS PROVISIONS

**WHEREAS**, the Violence Against Women Act of 1994 (VAWA) was a significant step forward in acknowledging that domestic and sexual violence causes tremendous harm to our society; and

**WHEREAS**, VAWA put substantial government resources toward helping millions of women, children and families; and

**WHEREAS**, VAWA increased options for victims and made it possible for many victims to leave abusive relationships; and

**WHEREAS**, VAWA improved the criminal justice system's response to violence by training police and prosecutors to respond more effectively; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2000, Congress reauthorized VAWA and added important services for immigrant, rural, disabled, and older women; and

**WHEREAS**, VAWA is a successful government program that over the last decade has begun to make progress as domestic and sexual violence have begun to decline; and

**WHEREAS**, VAWA is set to expire this year, and if Congress does not reauthorize it and increase funding, the gains made could be reversed,

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

Section 1. Urges Congress to pass the Violence Against Women Act of 2005 and fully fund all its provisions.

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

Section 3. This Board directs the County's Federal lobbyists to advocate for the passage of the legislation set forth in Section 1 above, and directs the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs to include this item in the 2006 Federal Legislative Package.

The foregoing resolution was sponsored by Commissioner Katy Sorenson 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:

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|                      | 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 Chairman thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 6<sup>th</sup> day of December, 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.

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Jess M. McCarty