

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(5)

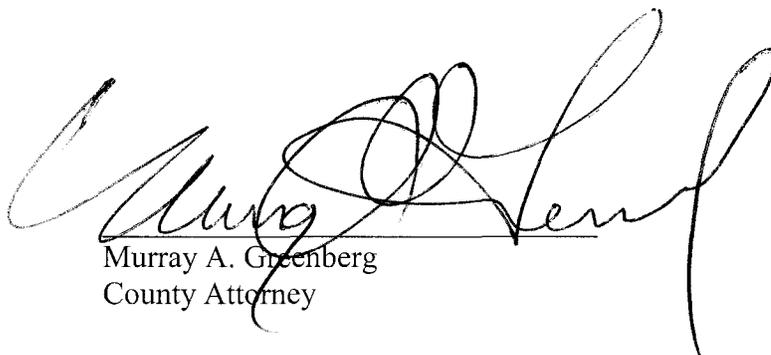
TO: Honorable Chairman Joe A. Martinez
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: March 7, 2006

FROM: Murray A. Greenberg
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution opposing the
sale of the Atari video game
"Getting Up: Contents Under
Pressure"

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Commissioner Rebeca Sosa, Commissioner Jose "Pepe" Diaz, Commissioner Barbara J. Jordan and Senator Javier D. Souto.



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(Revised)

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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

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Veto _____

3-7-06

Override _____

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION BY THE MIAMI-DADE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OPPOSING THE SALE AND RELEASE OF VIDEO GAMES WHICH ENCOURAGE YOUTH TO ENGAGE IN CRIMINAL OR HATEFUL ACTIVITY

WHEREAS, the Atari Corporation (“Atari”) is set to release a video game entitled, “Getting Up: Contents Under Pressure” (“game”); and

WHEREAS, the game features a person who spreads graffiti all over the city while battling city authorities and rival graffiti gangs; and

WHEREAS, the game clearly promotes crime and graffiti despite Atari’s disclaimer on its website that “defacing or vandalizing public, commercial or private property is a crime in most jurisdictions”; and

WHEREAS, this game and others such as “Grand Theft Auto” may encourage users of the game, particularly children, to engage in criminal acts, which will require Miami-Dade County to provide more monies in the area of enforcement and abatement measures; and

WHEREAS, the objectives that these games promote are in conflict with the objectives of code enforcement and law enforcement and makes their jobs more difficult,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that the Board of County Commissioners opposes the sale and release of any video game encouraging youth to engage in criminal or hateful activity including but not limited to “Getting Up: Contents Under Pressure” and “Grand Theft Auto.” If Atari nevertheless releases the game “Getting Up: Contents Under Pressure” the Board urges that Atari include written materials with the game that discourage

anyone using the game from engaging in criminal conduct including graffiti. Furthermore, the Board recommends that if the game is released that Atari establish an anti-graffiti educational campaign.

The foregoing resolution was sponsored by Commissioner Rebeca Sosa, Commissioner Jose "Pepe" Diaz, Commissioner Barbara J. Jordan and Senator Javier D. Souto 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	Jose "Pepe" Diaz
Audrey M. Edmonson	Carlos A. Gimenez
Sally A. Heyman	Barbara J. Jordan
Dorin D. Rolle	Natacha Seijas
Katy Sorenson	Rebeca Sosa
Sen. Javier D. Souto	

The Chairman thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 7th day of March, 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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Evan Grob