

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 14(A)(14)

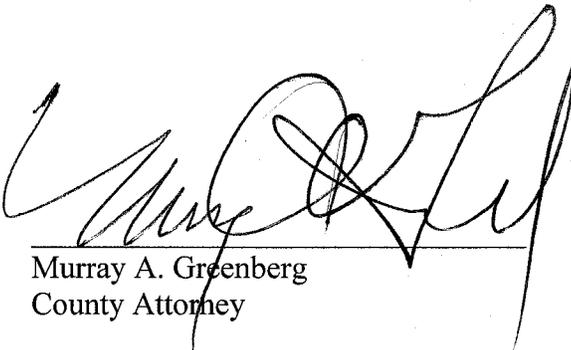
TO: Honorable Chairman Joe A. Martinez
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: December 19, 2006

FROM: Murray A. Greenberg
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution Urging Florida
Legislature to Allow
Undocumented Children
Who have Graduated from
High School in Florida to
Pay In-State Tuition to
Attend a Florida College
Or University

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Commissioner Katy Sorenson, Commissioner Audrey M. Edmonson and Commissioner Dennis C. Moss.



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County Attorney

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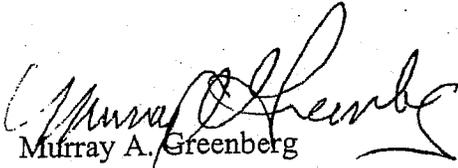


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Please note any items checked.

- "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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12-19-06

Veto _____

Override _____

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO
PASS LEGISLATION ALLOWING UNDOCUMENTED
CHILDREN WHO HAVE GRADUATED FROM HIGH
SCHOOL IN FLORIDA TO PAY IN-STATE TUITION TO
ATTEND A FLORIDA COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY

WHEREAS, during the past two decades, the growth of the immigrant worker population has led to an increase in the number of undocumented children brought here by their parents; and

WHEREAS, many undocumented children speak English (as well as Spanish) and consider the United States their home and will remain here even though they do not have legal immigration status; and

WHEREAS, many undocumented children have worked their way through elementary and secondary school, often graduating from high school with honors, some as valedictorians of their senior classes; and

WHEREAS, in Florida, all undocumented students are required to pay out-of-state tuition rates which are significantly higher than rates charged to in-state legal residents, imposing substantial obstacles for many of these hard-working students to attend college; and

WHEREAS, nine states now have passed laws permitting high school graduates who attended school in the state to pay resident tuition to attend college; and

WHEREAS, Senator Frederica Wilson and Representative Juan Zapata of the Miami-Dade State Legislative Delegation have both filed bills in recent years to provide in-state tuition to undocumented children who have graduated from high schools in Florida, but these bills have not passed,

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

Section 1. Urges the Florida Legislature to pass legislation allowing undocumented children who have graduated from high school in Florida to pay in-state tuition to attend a Florida college or university.

Section 2. Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit copies of this resolution to the Governor, Senate President, House Speaker, and Chair and members of the Miami-Dade State Legislative Delegation.

Section 3. Directs the County's state lobbying team to advocate for the passage of the legislation set forth in Section 1 above; and directed the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs to include this item in the 2007 State Legislative Package.

The foregoing resolution was sponsored by Commissioner Katy Sorenson, Commissioner Audrey M. Edmonson and Commissioner Dennis C. Moss 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 Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 19th day of December, 2006. 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.



Jess M. McCarty