

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(19)

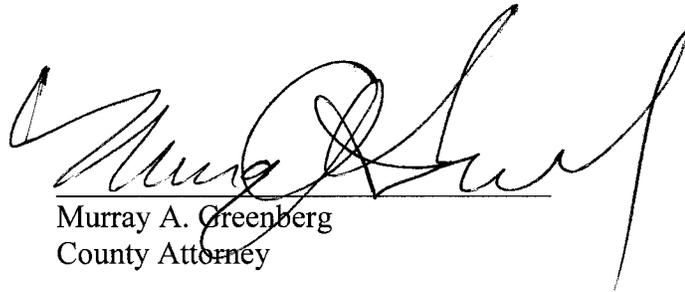
TO: Honorable Chairman Bruno A. Barreiro
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: January 25, 2007

FROM: Murray A. Greenberg
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution Urging Congress
to Pass the Development
Relief and Education for
Alien Minors (DREAM)
Act

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



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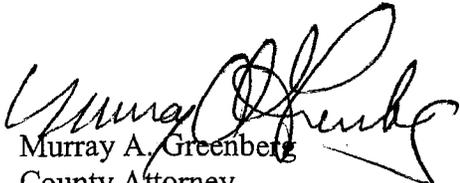


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Please note any items checked.

- "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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Veto _____

01-25-07

Override _____

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION URGING THE U.S. CONGRESS TO PASS THE
DEVELOPMENT RELIEF AND EDUCATION FOR ALIEN
MINORS (DREAM) ACT OR SIMILAR LEGISLATION

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, the Development Relief and Education for Alien Minors (DREAM) Act, was first introduced in 2001, and has been re-introduced in each Congressional Session since then with growing bipartisan support each time; and

WHEREAS, the DREAM Act would allow undocumented children who are high school graduates legal residency for up to six years provided they have maintained good moral character and have been in the U.S. at least five years and since age 15 or younger; and

WHEREAS, during the six-year period, the student would be required to graduate from a two-year college, complete at least two years toward a four-year degree, or serve in the U.S. military for at least two years; and

WHEREAS, permanent residence would be granted at the end of the six-year period if the student has met these requirements and has continued to maintain good moral character; and

WHEREAS, the DREAM Act would also eliminate a federal provision that discourages states from providing in-state tuition to their undocumented immigrant student residents, thus restoring full authority to the states to determine state college and university fees; and

WHEREAS, the DREAM Act was introduced earlier in 2006 in the House as the American Dream Act under the sponsorship of Representative Lincoln Diaz-Balart and co-sponsored by Representatives Mario Diaz-Balart and Ileana Ros-Lehtinen,

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

Section 1. Urges the U.S. Congress to pass the Development Relief and Education for Alien Minors (DREAM) Act or similar legislation allowing undocumented alien children who have graduated from high school, maintained good moral character, and have been in the U.S. at least five years and since before the age of 16 the ability to legally attend a post-secondary college or university or serve in the military and eventually attain permanent legal residency.

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. 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 2007 Federal Legislative Package.

The foregoing resolution was sponsored by Commissioner Katy Sorenson and Commissioner Audrey M. Edmonson 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:

Bruno A. Barreiro, Chairman	
Barbara J. Jordan, Vice-Chairwoman	
Jose "Pepe" Diaz	Audrey M. Edmonson
Carlos A. Gimenez	Sally A. Heyman
Joe A. Martinez	Dennis C. Moss
Dorrian D. Rolle	Natacha Seijas
Katy Sorenson	Rebeca Sosa
Sen. Javier D. Souto	

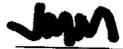
The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 25th day of January, 2007. This resolution shall become effective ten (10) days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board.

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