

**MEMORANDUM**

Agenda Item No. 14(A)(22)

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

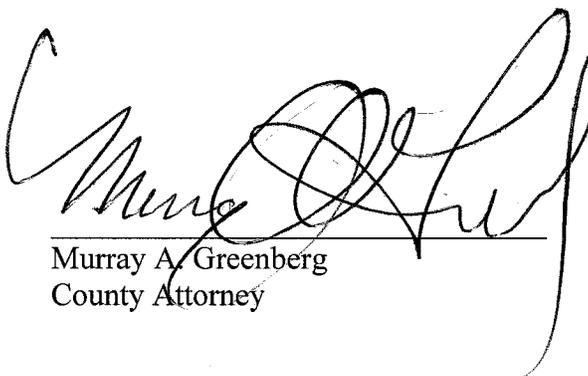
**DATE:** December 19, 2006

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

**SUBJECT:** Resolution Urging the  
Florida Legislature to Fund  
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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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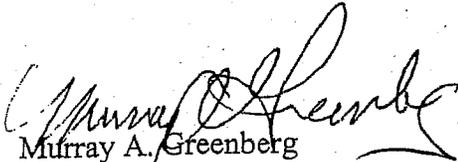
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Please note any items checked.

- “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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12-19-06

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

RESOLUTION URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO  
FUND RAPE CRISIS CENTERS WITH \$4 MILLION IN  
RECURRING REVENUE

**WHEREAS**, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, one in nine women in Florida have been the victim of rape; and

**WHEREAS**, despite this statistic, Florida ranks 47th in the nation in the number of Rape Crisis Centers per capita and less than one-half of Florida's counties offer rape crisis services; and

**WHEREAS**, rape victims who do not receive recovery services are at an increased risk for substance abuse, eating disorders, mental health issues, lost work and wages, and gynecological and other health problems; and

**WHEREAS**, the Florida Legislature passed landmark legislation in 2003, when it created the Sexual Battery Victims Access to Services Act and the Rape Crisis Trust Fund within the Florida Department of Health; and

**WHEREAS**, the Sexual Battery Victims Access to Services Act imposed a \$151 fine on offenders convicted of sexual battery, simple battery, assault or stalking, with the proceeds to be deposited into the Rape Crisis Trust Fund; and

**WHEREAS**, in fiscal year 2006-07, the Florida Legislature appropriated approximately \$1.5 million from the Rape Crisis Trust Fund and an additional \$1 million in non-recurring revenue to rape crisis centers statewide; and

WHEREAS, while this amount is helpful, it does not adequately fund the needs of Florida's Rape Crisis Centers in any particular year or on a recurring basis,

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 fund Rape Crisis Centers with \$4 million in recurring revenue.

**Section 2.** Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit certified copies of the 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 lobbyists to advocate for the funding identified in section 1 above, and directs the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs to include this item in the 2007 state 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:

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
Dorrin D. Rolle	Natacha Seijas
Katy Sorenson	Rebeca Sosa
Sen. Javier D. Souto	

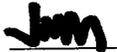
The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 19<sup>th</sup> December, 2006. This resolution shall become effective ten (10) days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board.

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