

# MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(17)

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

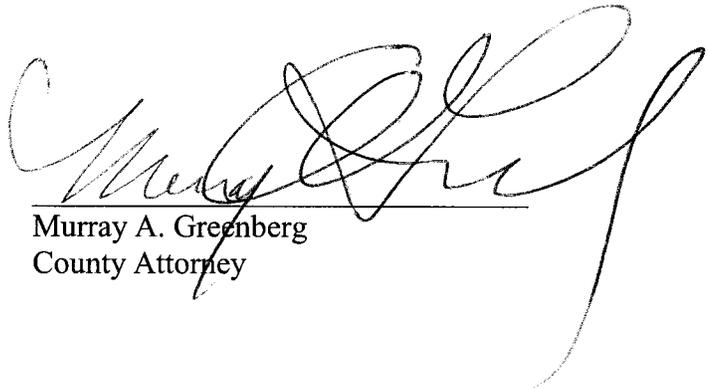
**DATE:** February 20, 2007

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

**SUBJECT:** Resolution urging the Florida  
Legislature to fund the South  
Florida Holocaust Survivors  
Assistance Program

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The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Commissioner Sally A. Heyman, Commissioner Jose "Pepe" Diaz, Commissioner Carlos A. Gimenez, Commissioner Joe A. Martinez, Commissioner Katy Sorenson, Commissioner Rebeca Sosa and Senator Javier D. Souto.



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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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02-20-07

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

RESOLUTION URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO  
FUND THE SOUTH FLORIDA HOLOCAUST SURVIVORS  
ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

**WHEREAS**, according to the 2000 National Demographic Study, the average age of Holocaust survivors is 75 years of age; and

**WHEREAS**, South Florida is home to more than 18,000 Holocaust survivors according to Dr. Ira M. Sheskin, Associate Professor, University of Miami, Department of Geography and Regional Studies, meaning that thirteen percent (13%) of all Holocaust survivors live in South Florida; and

**WHEREAS**, because Holocaust survivors sometimes suffer extreme problems when placed in nursing homes and assisted living facilities, greater efforts need to be taken to allow them to remain in their homes; and

**WHEREAS**, Holocaust survivors are much more likely to need additional help than their counterparts who did not experience their physical and mental torture; and

**WHEREAS**, Holocaust survivors who did not require assistance previously are becoming increasingly frail and unable to manage the activities of daily living as easily as before and those who are receiving help will require a more intensive level of care as they age and their frailty increases; and

**WHEREAS**, there are four Jewish service agencies that provide services to Holocaust survivors in South Florida: the Greater Miami Jewish Federation/Jewish Community Services, the Jewish Federation of Broward County/Jewish Family Services, the Jewish Federation of

South Palm Beach County/Ruth Rales Jewish Family Services, and the Jewish Federation of Palm Beach/Alpert Jewish Family Services; and

**WHEREAS**, the South Florida Holocaust Survivors Assistance Program provides individual assessments of Holocaust survivors and then, based on a service plan that is developed, provides needed services, including personal care (bathing and dressing), housekeeping, meal preparation, laundry, shopping, transportation to medical appointments, mental health counseling, food pantry supplements, kosher meals, telephone reassurance, and socialization activities; and

**WHEREAS**, the Greater Miami Jewish Federation has requested that the Florida Legislature appropriate \$800,000 for Fiscal Year 2007-08 for the South Florida Holocaust Survivors Assistance Program,

**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 the South Florida Holocaust Survivors Assistance Program.

**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 as a priority issue.

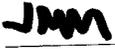
The foregoing resolution was sponsored by Commissioner Sally A. Heyman, Commissioner Jose "Pepe" Diaz, Commissioner Carlos A. Gimenez, Commissioner Joe A. Martinez, Commissioner Katy Sorenson, Commissioner Rebeca Sosa and Senator Javier D. Souto and offered by Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_ and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

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

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 20<sup>th</sup> day of February, 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

