

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(29)

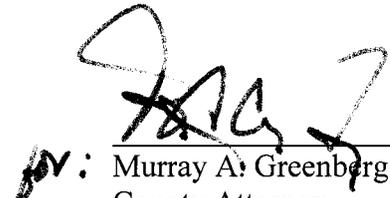
TO: Honorable Chairman Bruno A. Barreiro
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: April 24, 2007

FROM: Murray A. Greenberg
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution to execute
International Sister Airports
Agreement between MIA
and V.C. Bird International
Airport

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Commissioner Jose "Pepe" Diaz.



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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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04-24-07

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR HIS
DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE INTERNATIONAL SISTER
AIRPORTS AGREEMENT BETWEEN MIAMI
INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AND V. C. BIRD
INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT**

WHEREAS, on July 23, 1998, the Board approved Resolution No. R-965-98 creating the International Sister Airports Program (“Program”); and

WHEREAS, the primary goals of the Program are to establish bonds of friendships and cooperation through relationships with airports in other foreign cities, which promote economic growth, as well as international cooperation and understanding, and to maximize these relationships for the mutual growth and benefit of each sister airport; and

WHEREAS, the island nation of Antigua and Barbuda, West Indies is considered to be the leading airport hub in the eastern Caribbean, served by many major airlines from the U.S. and Europe and is the home-base and hub of Leeward Islands Air Transport (LIAT), the regional air carrier of the Caribbean region; and

WHEREAS, Miami International Airport (“MIA”), which is operated by the Miami-Dade Aviation Department, is the U.S. Gateway to the Caribbean and there is currently no direct air service between Miami and Antigua; and

WHEREAS, V.C. Bird International Airport which is located on the island nation of Antigua and Barbuda, West Indies, is under major remodeling and improvement programs; and

WHEREAS, Miami captures over 50% of all U.S. Caribbean Trade with an estimated amount of \$10 Billion dollars; and

WHEREAS, better business, trade, air cargo and community development supports the execution of this outreach effort; and

WHEREAS, thousands of Miami-Dade residents are of Caribbean origin; and

WHEREAS, the World Cricket Championship will be primarily held in Antigua and Barbuda in 2007 and there will be millions of tourists traveling via Miami to reach this island nation,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS that this Board approves the attached International Sister Airports Agreement between Miami International Airport and V.C. Bird International Airport, and authorizes the Mayor or his designee to execute the agreement in substantially the form attached hereto and made a part hereof following approval by the County Attorney's Office.

The foregoing resolution was sponsored by Commissioner Jose "Pepe" Diaz 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
Dorrrin D. Rolle	Natacha Seijas
Katy Sorenson	Rebeca Sosa
Sen. Javier D. Souto	

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 24th day of April, 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.



Henry N. Gillman

**International Sister Airports Agreement
Between
Miami International Airport
and
V. C. Bird International Airport**

On the ____ day of ____, 2007, in _____

Gathered:

ON BEHALF OF MIAMI INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT: The Honorable Carlos Alvarez, Mayor, Miami-Dade County; The Honorable Jose “Pepe” Diaz, Commissioner, Miami-Dade Board of County Commissioners.

ON BEHALF OF V. C. BIRD INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT: The Honorable Harold E. Lovell, M.P., Minister of Tourism & Civil Aviation, Antigua and Barbuda.

IN ASSEMBLY, for the purpose of signing a non-binding international sister airport protocol agreement between Miami International Airport and V. C. Bird International Airport, under the following terms:

First. This will officially link Miami International Airport and V. C. Bird International Airport.

Second. Both Miami International Airport, through its elected officials, the Mayor of Miami-Dade County and Miami-Dade County Commissioners and V. C. Bird International Airport, through its elected officials, may execute this International Sister Airports Agreement.

Third. Both Airports will commit to the exchange of information pertaining to the cargo and passenger industries in each Airport, historical statistical information pertaining to each airport; planned airport infrastructure developments, and general marketing research aimed at increasing passenger and cargo traffic at both airports.

Fourth. Both Airports will study the possibility of creating technical means, by way of other business arrangements, to promote the traffic and airport activities covered in this document.

Fifth. Both Airports will work towards the formation of technical working groups to exchange educational visits and act as goodwill ambassadors between airports.

Sixth. Both Airports through their normal marketing process will promote the relationship and advantages of doing business at the Sister Airport.

Seventh. Through the mutual consent of both Sister Airports, additional areas of cooperation and partnering may be agreed upon as part of this Sister Airports Agreement.

Eighth. The parties consider of the utmost interest the creation of a working group, made up of a limited number of representatives from each party, for the express purpose of putting into practice the intentions of this Agreement.

This agreement will be in effect for an indefinite period of time, except in the event of termination by one of the parties, which will give 6 (six) months written notice to the other. It is compiled in two originals, each original to be kept in the Archives of Miami International Airport, Miami, FL, USA, and V. C. Bird International Airport Antigua, West Indies.

In conformity, signed in the city and on the date indicated.

Signatories:

**MIAMI INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT
MIAMI, FLORIDA USA**

**V. C. BIRD INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT
ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA, WEST INDIES.**

The Honorable Carlos Alvarez

The Honorable Harold E. Lovell, M.P.

The Honorable Jose "Pepe" Diaz