MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(14)

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

DATE: April 8, 2008

FROM: R. A. Cuevas, Jr.
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution urging Congress to restore funding for the National Institute of Corrections that the White House has proposed eliminating in the Federal Budget for FiscalYear 2008-09

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Commissioner Dennis C. Moss.

R. A. Cuevas, Jr.
County Attorney

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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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04-08-08

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION URGING CONGRESS TO RESTORE FUNDING FOR THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF CORRECTIONS THAT THE WHITE HOUSE HAS PROPOSED ELIMINATING IN THE FEDERAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2008-09

WHEREAS, the National Institute of Corrections (NIC) is an agency within the U.S. Department of Justice, Federal Bureau of Prison, that was created by Congress to provide assistance to state and local corrections departments nationwide; and

WHEREAS, the NIC has proven to be an invaluable source of information, training and technical assistance to the nation's jails and correctional professionals; and

WHEREAS, the NIC greatly assists the nation's jails, both large and small, in meeting and maintaining current professional standards; and

WHEREAS, the NIC has proven valuable to the Miami-Dade Corrections and Rehabilitation Department (MDCR) by providing technical assistance pertaining to the Prison Rape Elimination Act, staffing analysis, and inmate suicide prevention; and

WHEREAS, the NIC also has provided MDCR training for direct supervision and leadership development; and

WHEREAS, information available through the NIC has been beneficial in the development of departmental training curriculums; on-line training tools and materials serve as a clearinghouse for information on current corrections issues and trends; and Large Jail Network meetings coordinated by the NIC provide a forum for the exchange of ideas and solutions for professionally managing correctional institutions; and

WHEREAS, the White House has proposed that the NIC be eliminated in the federal budget for fiscal year 2008-09; and

WHEREAS, the role the NIC plays is now more important than ever given the tremendous pressures confronting the American jails and correctional systems, resulting from both increasing inmate populations and tight budget times at all levels of government; and

WHEREAS, the American Corrections Association, Association of State Correctional Administrators, National Sheriffs Association, and American Jail Association all are working to have Congress restore funding for the NIC,

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 restore funding for the National Institute of Corrections that the White House has proposed eliminating in the federal budget for fiscal year 2008-09.

Section 2. Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit certified copies of the resolution to the members of the Florida Congressional Delegation.

Section 3. Directs the County's federal lobbyists to advocate for the actions set forth in Section 1 and directs the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs to include this item in the 2008 Federal Legislative Package.

The foregoing resolution was sponsored by 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:

Bruno A. Barreiro, Chairman
Barbara J. Jordan, Vice-Chairwoman

Jose "Pepe" Diaz
Carlos A. Gimenez
Joe A. Martinez
Dorrin D. Rolle
Katy Sorenson
Sen. Javier D. Souto
Audrey M. Edmonson
Sally A. Heyman
Dennis C. Moss
Natacha Seijas
Rebeca Sosa

The Chairman thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 8th day of April, 2008. 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. JMM

Jess M. McCarty