

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(11)

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 the Florida
Legislature to pass H.B. 3, S.B.
500 or similar legislation
creating a Children's Zone
Program

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



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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 _____

04-08-08

Override _____

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO
PASS H.B. 3, S.B. 500 OR SIMILAR LEGISLATION
CREATING A CHILDREN’S ZONE PROGRAM AND/OR A
CHILDREN’S ZONE PILOT PROJECT IN MIAMI-DADE
COUNTY

WHEREAS, some communities within the State of Florida are home to families for whom obstacles challenge their ability to create a good quality of life for themselves and for their children; and

WHEREAS, a proposed community initiative known as the Children's Zone seeks to improve such circumstances; and

WHEREAS, bills have been filed for consideration during the 2008 state legislative session, H.B. 3 by Representative Dorothy Bendross-Mindingall and S.B. 500 by Senator Larcenia Bullard, that would create a statewide Children’s Zone program and a 10-year Children’s Zone Pilot Project in Miami-Dade County; and

WHEREAS, the Children’s Zone program is modeled after the long-established and successful Harlem Children's Zone; and

WHEREAS, the Children’s Zone program is based on the belief that in order to help children from troubled communities become healthy adults and responsible, fulfilled members of their communities, two things must happen: first, they must be surrounded by a critical mass of adults who are engaged in activities with their children; and second, early in their lives, such children must be exposed to sound health care, intellectual and social stimulation, and consistent guidance from caring, attentive adults; and

WHEREAS, the Children’s Zone program seeks to establish a comprehensive, community-based, coordinated, and targeted system of strategies and services to revitalize communities with an increased sense of culture, pride, and togetherness, to support parents, and to provide comprehensive care for all children within the zone,

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 pass H.B. 3, S.B. 500, or similar legislation creating a statewide Children’s Zone program and/or a Children’s Zone Pilot Project in Miami-Dade County.

Section 2. Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the Governor, Senate President, House Speaker, Chair and Members of the Miami-Dade County State Legislative Delegation.

Section 3. Directs the County's state 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 2008 State Legislative Package.

The foregoing resolution was sponsored by 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:

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

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.



Jess M. McCarty

