

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(8)

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

**DATE:** October 7, 2008

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

**SUBJECT:** Resolution directing  
the County Mayor or  
designee to report within  
thirty days on the feasibility  
of Miami-Dade County  
designing and building a kidport  
in the Miami International Airport

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The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of  
Prime Sponsor Commissioner Dorrin D. Rolle

  
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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 \_\_\_\_\_

10-7-08

Override \_\_\_\_\_

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

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR DESIGNEE TO REPORT WITHIN THIRTY DAYS ON THE FEASIBILITY OF MIAMI DADE COUNTY DESIGNING AND BUILDING A KIDPORT IN THE MIAMI INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT OR ALTERNATIVELY PARTNERING WITH THE CHILDREN’S TRUST OR ANOTHER SIMILARLY ORIENTED CHILD ADVOCACY GROUP TO DO SAME

**WHEREAS**, a kidport is a children’s play area in an airport where children can learn to think as well as play; Play areas are usually padded and may contain parent rest areas and separate rooms for nursing mothers, and often include mock airplanes, air traffic control towers and luggage style seating; and

**WHEREAS**, most large international airports already have kidports that include interactive play areas for children that relate to travel and transportation; in Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport, for example, a giant suitcase was designed as an education tool for parents and children, and at Boston Logan International Airport, tots can climb on model airplanes, glide down a baggage claim slide and learn about air travel through a window display; and

**WHEREAS**, the Airport Foundation MSP, formerly the Metropolitan Public Airport Foundation, a nonprofit organization, has funded the construction of two custom children’s play areas at Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport; and

**WHEREAS**, Miami International Airport (“MIA”) is defining itself as a world-class airport, and, in light of the difficulty of air travel being experienced by passengers, due to increased security and delays, it is in the best interest of Miami Dade County to study the feasibility of creating a kidport at MIA or alternatively partnering with the Children’s Trust or another child advocacy group to create the same; Moreover, while MIA is in the midst of terminal expansions, it is the perfect time to consider this option,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA**, that the Board requests the Mayor or designee to report to the Board within thirty (30) days, on the feasibility of Miami Dade County designing and building a kidport in MIA or alternatively partnering with the Children's Trust or another similarly oriented child advocacy group to do same.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Dorrin D. Rolle. It was 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 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 7th day of October, 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 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.

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