

**MEMORANDUM**

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(20)

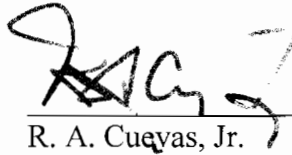
**TO:** Honorable Chairman Bruno A. Barreiro  
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

**DATE:** September 2, 2008

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

**SUBJECT:** Resolution urging the U.S.  
Congress and the Florida  
Legislature to pass legislation  
creating a Silver Alert Program  
for missing elderly persons

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Rebeca Sosa, and Co-Sponsors Commissioner Carlos A. Gimenez, Commissioner Joe A. Martinez 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

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Veto \_\_\_\_\_

9-2-08

Override \_\_\_\_\_

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

RESOLUTION URGING THE U.S. CONGRESS AND THE  
FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO PASS LEGISLATION  
CREATING A SILVER ALERT PROGRAM FOR MISSING  
ELDERLY PERSONS

**WHEREAS**, according to the National Institute on Aging, as many as 5 million people in the U.S. may suffer from Alzheimer's disease; and

**WHEREAS**, the Alzheimer's Association estimates that more than 60 percent of people suffering from Alzheimer's disease will wander away from their homes or care-giving facilities during their lifetimes; and

**WHEREAS**, Alzheimer's disease and other dementia-related illnesses sometimes leave their victims confused, disoriented, and often unable return to their to homes, families or care-giving facilities; and

**WHEREAS**, Colorado, Illinois, Michigan, North Carolina, and Texas have established notification systems, modeled after the successful Amber Alert system, to help disseminate information about missing seniors and those with dementia-related illnesses to law enforcement and other appropriate authorities in an expeditious manner; and

**WHEREAS**, timely notification and dissemination of appropriate information about missing individuals greatly increases the chances that the individuals will be located; and

**WHEREAS**, Florida has more people 65 and older than any other state, and Florida's 85-plus population is growing twice as fast as that of any other state, with half of people 85 years of age and older having brain health concerns, according to the Florida Chapter of the AARP; and

**WHEREAS**, Florida Congressman Gus Bilirakis is sponsoring H.R. 5898, the Silver Alert Grant Program Act; and

**WHEREAS**, if passed, the Silver Alert Grant Program Act would provide states with seed money to implement Silver Alert programs; and

**WHEREAS**, three state representatives in Florida have indicated they will file legislation to create a Silver Alert system in Florida, State Representatives Tom Anderson, Kurt Kelly, and Peter Nehr,

**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 pass the Silver Alert Grants Program, H.R. 5898, or similar legislation.

**Section 2.** Urges the Florida Legislature to pass legislation creating a Silver Alert program for the State of Florida.

**Section 3.** Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit certified copies of this resolution to the members of the Florida Congressional Delegation, the Governor; the Senate President; the House Speaker; the Chair and Members of the Miami-Dade State Legislative Delegation; State Representatives Tom Anderson, Kurt Kelly, and Peter Nehr; the Secretary of the Florida Department of Elder Affairs, and the Commissioner of the Florida Department of Law Enforcement.

**Section 4.** Directs the County's federal and state lobbyists to advocate for the issues identified in sections 1 and 2 above, and directs the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs to include this item in the 2009 federal and state legislative packages.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Rebeca Sosa, and the Co-Sponsors are Commissioner Carlos A. Gimenez, Commissioner Joe A. Martinez, and Senator Javier D. Souto. 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:

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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 2nd day of September, 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