MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 14(A)(14)

TO:	Honorable Chairman Bruno A. Barreiro and Members, Board of County Commissioners	**DATE:**	December 16, 2008
FROM:	R. A. Cuevas, Jr. County Attorney	**SUBJECT:**	Resolution commemorating the 60th Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of the Human Rights by the United Nations, declaring December 10, 2008 and each December 10 thereafter as "Universal Declaration of Human Rights Day"

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Rebeca Sosa.

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

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Approved _____ Mayor
Veto _____
Override _____

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RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS BY THE UNITED NATIONS, DECLARING DECEMBER 10, 2008 AND EACH DECEMBER 10 THEREAFTER AS "UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS DAY" IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY

WHEREAS, on December 10, 1948, the members of the United Nations signed the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR) and countries of different political, economic and social systems agreed on the fundamental rights that all people share solely on the basis of their humanity; and

WHEREAS, the UDHR declares that "recognition of the inherent dignity and of the equal and inalienable rights of all members of the human family is the foundation of freedom, justice and peace in the world"; and

WHEREAS, the international community commemorates the UDHR each year on December 10 and recommits itself to the prevention of human rights abuses and the achievement of human rights for all worldwide; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. played a pivotal role in the creation of the UDHR, and governments at all levels in the U.S. should live up to the objectives of the UDHR; and

WHEREAS, the responsibility to promote respect for the rights and freedoms set forth in the UDHR lies with each individual in the U.S., and each of us can play a major role in improving human rights; and

WHEREAS, December 10, 2008 was the 60th anniversary of the UDHR,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that this Board:

Section 1. Commemorates the 60th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, and declares December 10, 2008 and each year thereafter as Universal Declaration of Human Rights Day in Miami-Dade County.

Section 2. Declares Miami-Dade County's adherence to the principles and ideals of the UDHR.

Section 3. Declares Miami-Dade County's intent to abide by the UDHR's promise of equality and justice for all who live, work and play in Miami-Dade County, without distinction of any kind.

Section 4. Declares Miami-Dade County's acceptance of the UDHR's global challenge by committing to improve the human condition in Miami-Dade County through education and innovation.

Section 5. Declares Miami-Dade County's intent to promote human rights throughout the County.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Rebeca Sosa. 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
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 16th day of December, 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

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