

# MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(18)

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**TO:** Honorable Chairman Dennis C. Moss  
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

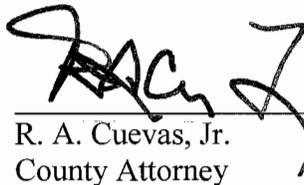
**DATE:** March 17, 2009

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

**SUBJECT:** Resolution urging the Florida  
Legislature to expand the  
permissible uses of tourist-  
related taxes to include the  
cost of funding a County  
Tourism-Related Law  
Enforcement Unit

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The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor 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 Mayor'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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3-17-09

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

RESOLUTION URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO  
EXPAND THE PERMISSIBLE USES OF TOURIST-RELATED  
TAXES TO INCLUDE THE COST OF FUNDING A COUNTY  
TOURISM-RELATED LAW ENFORCEMENT UNIT

**WHEREAS**, section 212.0305, Florida Statutes, authorizes Miami-Dade County along with other counties to impose a Convention Development Tax at the rate of three percent (3%) on all transient rentals for the purpose of promoting tourism, convention centers, stadiums, exhibition halls, arenas, coliseums, auditoriums, or golf courses; and

**WHEREAS**, section 125.0104, Florida Statutes, authorizes Miami-Dade County along with other counties to impose a Tourist Development Tax at the rate of two percent (2%) on all transient rentals other than in the cities of Bal Harbour, Miami Beach and Surfside for the purpose of promoting tourism, convention centers, sports stadiums, arenas, coliseums, auditoriums, museums, zoological parks, beach park facilities, beach improvement, maintenance, renourishment, restoration, and erosion control; and

**WHEREAS**, a specialized tourist police unit of the Miami-Dade Police Department could provide law enforcement services to our tourists, visitor-related facilities including Miami International Airport and other airports in Miami-Dade County, the Port of Miami, marinas, beaches, commercial malls, tourism attractions such as zoos, performing arts centers, stadiums and arenas, regional parks, and tourism-related events such as agriculture fairs, national and international sports tournaments, and other events that draw national and international crowds and attention; and

**WHEREAS**, a specialized tourist police unit of Miami-Dade Police Department could be funded through the Convention Development Tax and the Tourist Development Tax, but current state law does not allow these taxes to be used for this purpose,

**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 expand the permissible uses of tourist-related taxes to include the cost of funding a County Tourism-Related Law Enforcement Unit.

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

Section 3. Directs the County's state lobbyists to advocate for the legislation set forth in Section 1 above, and authorizes and directs that the 2009 and 2010 State Legislative Packages be amended to include this item.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is 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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| Dennis C. Moss, Chairman        |                    |
| Jose "Pepe" Diaz, Vice-Chairman |                    |
| Bruno A. Barreiro               | Audrey M. Edmonson |
| Carlos A. Gimenez               | Sally A. Heyman    |
| Barbara J. Jordan               | Joe A. Martinez    |
| Dorrin D. Rolle                 | Natacha Seijas     |
| Katy Sorenson                   | Rebeca Sosa        |
| Sen. Javier D. Souto            |                    |

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 17<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2009. 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.

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Jess M. McCarty

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