MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(8)

TO:	Honorable Chairman Dennis C. Moss and Members, Board of County Commissioners	**DATE:**	June 30, 2009
FROM:	R. A. Cuevas, Jr. County Attorney	**SUBJECT:**	Resolution urging the Children's Trust to support the Summer 2009 "Raices Hispanic Cultural Arts Program"

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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6-30-09

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION URGING THE CHILDREN'S TRUST TO SUPPORT THE SUMMER 2009 ''RAICES HISPANIC CULTURAL ARTS PROGRAM" AND SUPPORT THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A "PERFORMING ARTS & CULTURAL PROGRAM'' FOR GIRLS AT WOMEN'S PARK, WITH A COMBINED TOTAL MATCH GRANT NOT TO EXCEED $300,000 FOR THE BENEFIT OF CHILDREN IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY TO ENJOY THE PERFORMING ARTS, DANCE, MUSIC, AND CULTURE

WHEREAS, on September 10, 2002, the electorate approved an amendment to the Home Rule Charter to create The Children's Trust and to levy an ad valorem property tax not to exceed one-half (1/2) million; and

WHEREAS, in 2008 the voters of Miami-Dade County renewed the levy of the half (1/2) million ad valorem property tax expressing their confidence and satisfaction with the achievements and mission of The Children's Trust; and

WHEREAS, the Mission of The Children's Trust is to improve the lives of all children and families in Miami-Dade County by making strategic investments in their futures; and

WHEREAS, one of the areas of focus by The Children's Trust in carrying out its Mission is to improve the quality and availability of summer, before, and after school care for children ages 4 to 15; and

WHEREAS, from its inception, The Children's Trust has been a major supporter of summer and out-of-school programming that keeps children and youth safe, supervised and academically challenged; and

WHEREAS, in 2008, The Children's Trust invested in 80 summer programs and innovative summer camps for approximately 19,500 children in various locations throughout Miami-Dade County; and

WHEREAS, in the summer of 1996, the Miami-Dade County Park and Recreation Department launched the "Raices Hispanic Cultural Arts Program"; and

WHEREAS, the "Raices Hispanic Cultural Arts Program" offers students, ages 6 to 14, an opportunity to explore a variety of disciplines in the arts, discover their own interests and talents, and obtain a richer appreciation of Hispanic artistic forms and influences; which include percussion, puppetry, modern and ethnic dance, chorus, keyboard, guitar, arts and crafts, ceramics and more; and

WHEREAS, CDS (Childhood Development Services) which has traditionally provided funding to the "Raices Hispanic Cultural Arts Program," recently reduced its level of assistance by changing the age range requirements from serving children aged 6-14, to only serving children aged 6-9; and

WHEREAS, this has negatively impacted many families by only allowing siblings aged 6 to 9 to remain in the program, while siblings aged 10 to 14 can no longer continue in the "Raices Hispanic Cultural Arts Program;" and

WHEREAS, the cost to Miami-Dade County for the "Raices Hispanic Cultural Arts Program" is $900 per child for the ten-week summer program of arts and recreational instruction; and

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County is currently in the midst of an economic crisis with an unemployment rate approaching 10 percent; with 56,000 families losing their homes to

foreclosure in 2008, and an additional 20,000 families losing their homes to foreclosure in the first three months of 2009; and

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County families need The Children's Trust to provide match funding support for the continuation of the "Raices Hispanic Cultural Arts Program" to children aged 10 to 14; and

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County families need The Children's Trust to provide match funding support to the Miami-Dade County Park and Recreation Department for the establishment of a "Performing Arts & Cultural Program" for girls at Women's Park; and

WHEREAS, without the support of The Children's Trust these programs will not be available to serve the needs of children in Miami-Dade County,

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

Section 1. Urges The Children's Trust to provide match funding support to the Miami-Dade County Park and Recreation Department for the "Raices Hispanic Cultural Arts Program."

Section 2. Urges The Children's Trust to provide match funding support to the Miami-Dade County Park and Recreation Department for the establishment of a "Performing Arts & Cultural Program" for girls at Women's Park.

Section 3. Urges The Children's Trust to provide match funding support for these programs with a combined total match grant not to exceed $300,000 all for the benefit of children in Miami-Dade County to enjoy the performing arts, dance, music, and culture.

Section 4. Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit certified copies of this resolution to the Chair and Members of The Children's Trust board and the Executive Director of The Children's Trust.

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:

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 30th day of June, 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. MAV

Maria Arista-Volsky