

# MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 14(A)(27)

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

**DATE:** July 21, 2009

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

**SUBJECT:** Resolution directing the Mayor  
to establish crime watch/crime  
prevention program within each  
public housing and elderly  
housing development owned  
and operated by the County

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The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Barbara J. Jordan, and Co-Sponsors Commissioner Audrey M. Edmonson, Commissioner Dorrin D. Rolle and Senator Javier D. Souto.

  
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Please note any items checked.

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\_\_\_\_\_ "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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7-21-09

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

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE MAYOR OR THE MAYOR'S  
DESIGNEE TO ESTABLISH A CRIME WATCH/CRIME  
PREVENTION PROGRAM WITHIN EACH PUBLIC HOUSING  
AND ELDERLY HOUSING DEVELOPMENT OWNED AND  
OPERATED BY THE COUNTY THROUGH THE MIAMI-  
DADE PUBLIC HOUSING AGENCY CRIME REDUCTION  
INITIATIVE PROGRAM

**WHEREAS**, the Miami-Dade Public Housing Agency ("MDPHA") is the designated  
County department that administers the public and elderly housing programs on behalf of the  
County; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the policy of this Board to ensure that the health, safety and right to  
peaceful enjoyment is provided to all residents of the County's public and elderly housing  
developments; and

**WHEREAS**, this policy also includes the prevention and elimination of all types of  
crime within these developments; and

**WHEREAS**, MDPHA has established the Crime Reduction Initiative Program  
("Program"), which is an innovative approach to crime reduction and community empowerment  
involving a coordinated effort by local law enforcement, social service providers and the Miami-  
Dade Public Housing Agency; and

**WHEREAS**, the goal of the Program is to reduce crime at MDPHA properties and  
provide long-term solutions to strengthen positive relationships between residents, management,  
police, and the community; and

**WHEREAS**, the key to a successful crime prevention program is the inclusion of the residents living in the neighborhood through the establishment of crime watch/crime prevention groups; and

**WHEREAS**, this Board finds that it is in the best interest of the health, safety and welfare of the residents of the County's public and elderly housing developments to establish crime watch/crime prevention groups in each of these developments,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA**, that this Board directs the Mayor or the Mayor's designee to establish crime watch/crime prevention groups in each of the County's public and elderly housing developments through the MDPHA's Crime Reduction Initiative Program.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Barbara J. Jordan, and the Co-Sponsors are Commissioner Audrey M. Edmonson, Commissioner Dorrin D. Rolle 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:

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 21<sup>st</sup> day of July, 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.



Terrence A. Smith