MEMORANDUM Agenda Item No. 11(A)(24)

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

DATE: January 21, 2010

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

SUBJECT: Resolution urging the Florida Legislature, Governor Charlie Crist and the Florida Department of Business & Professional Regulation to approve the reinstatement of thoroughbred racing at Hialeah Park Race Track

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

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County Attorney

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Please note any items checked.

_____ **"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**

_____ **Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Manager's report for public hearing**

✓ **No committee review**

_____ **Applicable legislation requires more than a majority vote (i.e., 2/3's ____, 3/5's ____, unanimous_____) to approve**

_____ **Current information regarding funding source, index code and available balance, and available capacity (if debt is contemplated) required**

Approved _____ Mayor

Veto _____

Override _____

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1-21-10

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE, GOVERNOR CHARLIE CRIST AND THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS & PROFESSIONAL REGULATION TO APPROVE THE REINSTATEMENT OF THOROUGHBRED RACING AT HIALEAH PARK RACE TRACK

WHEREAS, Hialeah Park Race Track officially opened on January 14, 1932 to conduct thoroughbred racing; and

WHEREAS, through the years, Hialeah Park gained a reputation as the premier winter thoroughbred race course in the U.S.; and

WHEREAS, Hialeah Park also introduced international thoroughbred racing to the U.S.; and

WHEREAS, in March 5, 1979, Hialeah Park was listed on the National Registry of Historic Places because of its historic significance, worldwide recognition and contributions to the thoroughbred industry; and

WHEREAS, the last thoroughbred race at Hialeah Park was run on May 22, 2001, after a change in state law kept Hialeah Park from having certain exclusive racing dates; and

WHEREAS, on November 28, 2009, Hialeah Park reopened for the running of quarter horse races; and

WHEREAS, Hialeah Park now seeks to reinstate thoroughbred racing; and

WHEREAS, this Board supports the reinstatement of thoroughbred racing at Hialeah Park,

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, Governor Charlie Crist and the Florida Department of Business & Professional Regulation to take all actions necessary and appropriate to approve the reinstatement of thoroughbred racing at Hialeah Park Race Track.

Section 2. Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit certified copies of this resolution to the Governor, Senate President, House Speaker, the Chair and Members of the Miami-Dade State Legislative Delegation and the Secretary of the Florida Department of Business & Professional Regulation.

Section 3. Directs the County's state lobbyists to advocate for the issues identified in section 1 above, and authorizes and directs the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs to include this item in the 2010 state legislative package.

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:

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 21st day of January, 2010. 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