

**MEMORANDUM**

Agenda Item No. 14(A)(6)

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

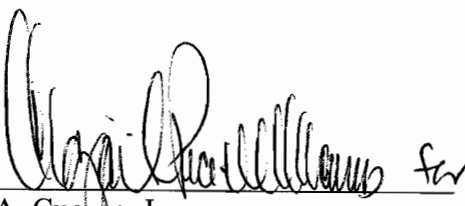
**DATE:** January 21, 2010

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

**SUBJECT:** Resolution urging Miami-Dade  
County Public School Board to  
convert facility located at 160 NW  
13<sup>th</sup> Street, Homestead, Florida  
into residential educational  
facility in anticipation of  
migration of Haitian children into  
Miami-Dade County and to make  
facility available to County, if  
necessary, for related social  
services for such children

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The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Audrey M. Edmonson.

  
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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 MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARD TO CONVERT FACILITY LOCATED AT 160 NW 13<sup>TH</sup> STREET, HOMESTEAD, FLORIDA INTO RESIDENTIAL EDUCATIONAL FACILITY IN ANTICIPATION OF MIGRATION OF HAITIAN CHILDREN INTO MIAMI-DADE COUNTY AND TO MAKE FACILITY AVAILABLE TO COUNTY, IF NECESSARY, FOR RELATED SOCIAL SERVICES FOR SUCH CHILDREN; AND DIRECTING COUNTY MAYOR OR MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT TO THE BOARD AN ANALYSIS RELATING TO THE COUNTY PARTNERING WITH THE SCHOOL BOARD TO PROVIDE NECESSARY SERVICES TO THE EARTHQUAKE VICTIMS

**WHEREAS**, on January 12, 2010 a devastating earthquake hit Haiti, approximately 10 miles southwest of the city of Port-au-Prince, Haiti; and

**WHEREAS**, more than three million people -- a third of Haiti's population -- have been affected by the earthquake; and

**WHEREAS**, the earthquake is the latest in a series of events that have hit Haiti in recent years, including four deadly storms that struck Haiti in 2008; and

**WHEREAS**, even before the earthquake, Haiti was one of the poorest countries in the Western Hemisphere; and

**WHEREAS**, in the U.S., no county has a larger Haitian-American community than Miami-Dade County, with Kings County (Brooklyn), New York, having the second largest Haitian-American community and Broward County, Florida having the third largest; and

**WHEREAS**, according to the U.S. Census Bureau, there were 95,669 Haitian-Americans living in Miami-Dade County at the last U.S. census in 2000; and

**WHEREAS**, hundreds of thousands of children have been left orphaned as a result of the earthquake which is likely to result in a large and rapid influx of Haitian orphans and other children needing assistance into our community; and

**WHEREAS**, this Board supports the temporary migration of Haitian children to the United States during this disaster as a means of providing stability, support and comfort while Haiti recovers from this disaster; and

**WHEREAS**, in addition to health care and social services, these Haitian children who come to our community are likely to need educational services and housing; and

**WHEREAS**, it would best serve the needs of the residents of the County and the Haitian children who are anticipated to migrate to the County to have a central location where the children can receive the services that they need, including educational and housing services; and

**WHEREAS**, the Miami-Dade County Public School Board (“School Board”) currently owns a facility located at 160 NW 13<sup>th</sup> Street, Homestead, Florida 33030 commonly referred to as the old Homestead Hospital (the “Old Homestead Hospital”) which is vacant and due to its size and proximity to the Homestead air base can be converted into a temporary residential educational facility for Haitian children coming into our community;

**WHEREAS**, this Board wishes to urge the School Board to utilize, if feasible, the Old Homestead Hospital for the Haitian children and to make the facility available to the County, if necessary, for related social services to such children; and

**WHEREAS**, this Board wishes to direct the County Mayor or the Mayor’s designee to conduct an analysis which explores the potential for the County to play a role or partner with the School Board to facilitate the use of the Old Homestead Hospital as a residential educational facility,

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

**Section 1.** The School Board is urged to (a) convert the Old Homestead Hospital into a temporary residential educational facility to house and educate Haitian children who migrate into Miami-Dade County as result of the recent earthquake and (b) make such facility available, if necessary, to the County so that the County may utilize, if feasible, the facility to provide other necessary social services to the migrant children.

**Section 2.** This Board hereby directs the County Mayor or the Mayor's designee to prepare an analysis to determine whether it is feasible for the County to partner with the School Board to facilitate the conversion of the Old Homestead Hospital into a residential educational facility. The report detailing such alternatives shall be presented to the Board at the next scheduled meeting of the Board.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Audrey M. Edmonson. 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 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.

*APW/Sar*

Juliette R. Antoine