



**MEMORANDUM**

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(6)

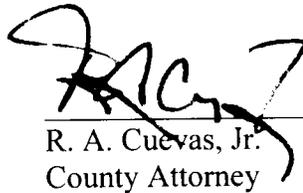
**TO:** Honorable Chairman Joe A. Martinez  
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

**DATE:** March 1, 2011

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

**SUBJECT:** Resolution proclaiming the third  
week of the month of April of each  
public school academic school year  
"Anti-Bullying Week" in Miami-  
Dade County

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Chairman Joe A. Martinez, and Co-Sponsors Commissioner Lynda Bell, Commissioner Jose "Pepe" Diaz, Vice Chairwoman Audrey M. Edmonson, Commissioner Sally A. Heyman and Senator Javier D. Souto



\_\_\_\_\_  
R. A. Cuevas, Jr.  
County Attorney

RAC/cp



# MEMORANDUM

(Revised)

**TO:** Honorable Chairman Joe A. Martinez  
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

**DATE:** March 1, 2011

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

**SUBJECT:** Agenda Item No. 11(A)(6)

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

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(6)

Veto \_\_\_\_\_

3-1-11

Override \_\_\_\_\_

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

RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING THE THIRD WEEK OF THE MONTH OF APRIL OF EACH PUBLIC SCHOOL ACADEMIC SCHOOL YEAR "ANTI-BULLYING WEEK" IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY

**WHEREAS**, it is reported that approximately half of high school students have bullied someone in the past year, and nearly the same amount claim that they've been the victim of bullying; and

**WHEREAS**, in recent years, the internet has become an important tool where it concerns bullying because of its reach, permanence and the sense of anonymity that it provides users; and

**WHEREAS**, in January 2010, 15-year old Phoebe Prince of South Hadley, Massachusetts, committed suicide after enduring months of vicious bullying by several of her classmates; and

**WHEREAS**, more recently, in September 2010, a freshman college student at Rutgers University, 18-year-old-Tyler Clementi, jumped to his death from the George Washington Bridge after learning that his roommate streamed a webcam of some of his most private moments; and

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary for the community to address the problem of bullying; and

**WHEREAS**, on October 20, 2010, Barry University students gathered for a midday prayer vigil to honor victims of oppression; and

**WHEREAS**, it is reported that the Barry University vigil was one of several events in South Florida for "Spirit Day – It Gets Better" – a viral event that spread quickly through news on various social media; and

**WHEREAS**, it is reported that the Barry University vigil was one of several events in South Florida for “Spirit Day – It Gets Better” – a viral event that spread quickly through news on various social media; and

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary to raise public awareness about the consequences of bullying on the lives of young people in our community,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA**, that this Board hereby proclaims the third week of April of each public school academic school year as “Anti-Bullying Week” in Miami-Dade County, and is calling upon each resident to help promote the need for a supportive social environment for all our young people and the importance of eliminating bullying in our communities.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Chairman Joe A. Martinez, and the Co-Sponsors are Commissioner Lynda Bell, Commissioner Jose "Pepe" Diaz, Vice Chairwoman Audrey M. Edmonson, Commissioner Sally A. Heyman 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:

Joe A. Martinez, Chairman	
Audrey M. Edmonson, Vice Chairwoman	
Bruno A. Barreiro	Lynda Bell
Jose "Pepe" Diaz	Carlos A. Gimenez
Sally A. Heyman	Barbara J. Jordan
Jean Monestime	Dennis C. Moss
Natacha Seijas	Rebeca Sosa
Sen. Javier D. Souto	

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 1<sup>st</sup> day of March, 2011. 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.



Martin W. Sybblis