MEMORANDUM Agenda Item No. 11(A)(23)

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

DATE: July 7, 2011

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

SUBJECT: Resolution directing the Mayor to study the feasibility and costs associated with providing an annual language and culture lecture series throughout Miami-Dade County by coordinating the services of various County departments, such as the Miami-Dade Cultural Affairs Department, Miami-Dade Park and Recreation Department, Miami-Dade Public Library System, and Miami-Dade Public Schools

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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.

_____ **"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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RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE MAYOR OR MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO STUDY THE FEASIBILITY AND COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH PROVIDING AN ANNUAL LANGUAGE AND CULTURE LECTURE SERIES THROUGHOUT MIAMI-DADE COUNTY BY COORDINATING THE SERVICES OF VARIOUS COUNTY DEPARTMENTS, SUCH AS THE MIAMI-DADE CULTURAL AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT, MIAMI-DADE PARK AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT, MIAMI-DADE PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM, AND MIAMI-DADE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County's vibrant multilingual and multi-ethnic population, including its rich history of immigration from the Caribbean and Latin America, are some of the key features that attract visitors from all over the world to our warm and sunny community each year; and

WHEREAS, the multiplicity of languages spoken in the County, including, but not limited to English, German, Haitian Creole, Italian, Portuguese, and Spanish makes for a ripe environment for cross cultural exchange and proficiency in various tongues; and

WHEREAS, cities across the United States, such as Boston, Massachusetts and Wichita, Kansas, hosts annual cultural events and lecture series for the entertainment and edification of their residents; and

WHEREAS, for example, Commonwealth Shakespeare Company hosts an annual free outdoor production of Shakespeare on the Boston Commons in partnership with the City of Boston, and the City of Wichita is sponsoring an "Arts & Culture Industry Lecture Series" over the next several months to bring the community together to discuss the local art world; and

WHEREAS, it would be in the best interest of the County for the Miami-Dade County Cultural Affairs Department to partner with the Miami-Dade Park and Recreation Department, Miami-Dade Public Library System, and Miami-Dade Public Schools to provide annual public cultural lecture series at no charge to the community; and

WHEREAS, such lecture series could provide residents with exposure to the arts, including, but not limited to, classical music, opera, sculptures, paintings, ballet, and plays; and

WHEREAS, the Departments could also collaborate to promote annual language and literacy lecture series, also at no cost to the public, so as to provide residents with at least some basic familiarity with the different languages spoken in our community; and

WHEREAS, a sustained campaign of cultural immersion in parks and other public facilities within our community could lead to a noticeable reduction in the level of crime and violence,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that this Board directs the Mayor or Mayor's designee to: (a) study the feasibility and costs associated with coordinating various departments of County government, such as Miami-Dade Cultural Affairs Department, Miami-Dade Park and Recreation Department, Miami-Dade Public Library System, and Miami-Dade Public Schools to provide annual cultural and language lecture series at no cost to the public; and (b) to submit a report regarding same to the Board within 60 days of the effective date of this resolution.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Sen. 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
Esteban L. Bovo, Jr.	Jose "Pepe" Diaz
Sally A. Heyman	Barbara J. Jordan
Jean Monestime	Dennis C. Moss
Rebeca Sosa	Sen. Javier D. Souto
Xavier L. Suarez	

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 7th day of July, 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

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