

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(33)

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

DATE: September 1, 2011

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

SUBJECT: Resolution urging the
Children's Trust to support
children's literary collections
and programming geared toward
children in the Miami-Dade
Public Library System

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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9-1-11

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION URGING THE CHILDREN'S TRUST TO
SUPPORT CHILDREN'S LITERARY COLLECTIONS AND
PROGRAMMING GEARED TOWARD CHILDREN IN THE
MIAMI-DADE PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM

WHEREAS, the Mission of The Children's Trust is to improve the lives of all children and families in Miami-Dade County by making strategic investments in their futures; and

WHEREAS, one of the areas of focus by The Children's Trust in carrying out its Mission is to improve the quality and availability of programs that raise reading and literacy skills in children during early learning years and in summer and out-of-school programs; and

WHEREAS, from its inception, The Children's Trust has been a major supporter of literacy programming that keeps children and youth safe, supervised, and academically challenged; and

WHEREAS, libraries are an important resource for parents and children, where their children can go after school to study, do their homework, read a book, and utilize research materials and resources like the internet in their academic pursuits; and

WHEREAS, libraries are also community centers for families where children can be engaged with reading books, good music, good magazines, good movies, and good research as opposed to finding refuge in shopping malls and in the streets with dangers and multiple other social problems; and

WHEREAS, historically Miami-Dade County has funded the operation of all libraries within the Miami-Dade Library District, however, during current difficult economic times

funding cuts made to the Miami-Dade County Public Library System may result in the reduction of services, thereby negatively impacting services to children and families in Miami-Dade County; and

WHEREAS, it is urged that children are our community's future, and funding geared toward supporting some libraries to become children's libraries to house children literary collections and provide programming geared toward children would be an investment in education and literacy for all of our children and their future; and

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County families and children need The Children's Trust to support children's literary collections, provide programming and services geared toward children and families which support the Miami-Dade Public Library System; and

WHEREAS, without the support of The Children's Trust these programs will not be available to fully service the needs of children and families in Miami-Dade County,

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

Section 1. Urges The Children's Trust to provide funding to support children's literary collections and to provide programming for children and families.

Section 2. Urges The Children's Trust to enter into discussions with the Mayor, or the Mayor's designee, regarding the level of support toward Miami-Dade County Library System for the benefit of children and families in Miami-Dade County, to provide an important resource for parents and children and where children can go after school to study, do their homework, read a book, and utilize research materials and resources like the internet in their academic pursuits.

Section 3. Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit certified copies of this resolution to the Chair and members of The Children's Trust board and the Executive Director of The Children's Trust.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is 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
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 1st day of September, 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.

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