

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(3)

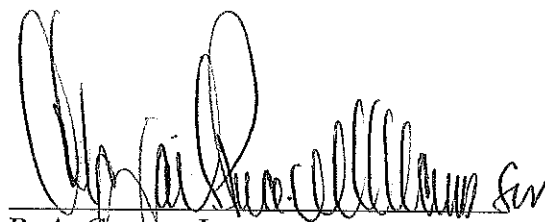
TO: Honorable Chairman Joe A. Martinez
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: July 3, 2012

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

SUBJECT: Resolution directing the Mayor to develop a program for Miami-Dade County with the goal of becoming a No Kill shelter and providing for a financially feasible strategic plan to implement lifesaving programs and services at Miami-Dade County Animal Services Department

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Jose "Pepe" Diaz and Co-Sponsors Commissioner Lynda Bell and Commissioner Sally A. Heyman.


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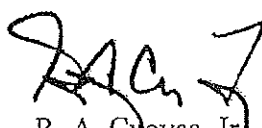


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Please note any items checked.

- ☐ "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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7-3-12

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE MAYOR OR
DESIGNEE TO DEVELOP A PROGRAM FOR MIAMI-
DADE COUNTY WITH THE GOAL OF BECOMING A
NO KILL SHELTER AND PROVIDING FOR A
FINANCIALLY FEASIBLE STRATEGIC PLAN TO
IMPLEMENT LIFESAVING PROGRAMS AND
SERVICES AT MIAMI-DADE COUNTY ANIMAL
SERVICES DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, saving the lives of animals, identifying and eliminating animal neglect and abuse, and protecting public safety in Miami-Dade County are compatible interests; and

WHEREAS, no animal should be killed solely based on breed, color, age, or any other criteria unrelated to medical condition or aggressiveness; and

WHEREAS, no animal should be killed if the animal can be placed in a suitable home, if a private sheltering agency or rescue group is willing and able to take care and custody of the animal, or, in the case of free-roaming cats, if they can be sterilized and released to their habitats; and

WHEREAS, animals held in public shelters deserve proper care and humane treatment, including adequate veterinary care, nutrition, water, shelter, exercise, and environmental enrichment; and

WHEREAS, public and private partnerships are essential to increasing the save rate of animals entering the County's Animal Services Department; and

WHEREAS, the No Kill movement in the United States has developed new and innovative programs, including comprehensive adoptions, off-site adoptions, and fostering, that provide alternatives to shelter killing; and

WHEREAS, becoming a No Kill shelter means having a 90% or better rate of lifesaving for animals housed at the County's Animal Shelter,

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

Section 1. The Mayor or designee is hereby directed to develop and implement a financially feasible, actionable No Kill Implementation Plan, with measurable goals and due dates, to achieve a 90% save rate at the County's Animal Shelter.

Section 2. The plan should include the following programs and services, consistent with the No Kill Equation:

- Comprehensive Adoption Programs
- Free-Roaming Cat Trap/Neuter/Return Programs
- High-Volume, Affordable Spay/Neuter Services
- Large-Scale Volunteer Foster Care Programs
- Rescue Group Transfers
- Proactive Pet Retention Programs
- Proactive Pet Redemptions
- Medical and Behavioral Programs
- Public Relations/Community Involvement
- Volunteer Programs

Section 3. Within 180 days of the effective date of this resolution, the Mayor or his designee shall present the No Kill Implementation Plan to this Board.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Jose "Pepe" Diaz and the Co-Sponsors are Commissioner Lynda Bell and Commissioner Sally A. Heyman. 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	

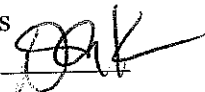
The Chairman thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 3rd day of July, 2012. This resolution shall become effective ten (10) days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board.

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.



Dennis A. Kerbel