

## MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(14)

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**TO:** Honorable Chairwoman Rebeca Sosa  
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

**DATE:** March 5, 2013

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

**SUBJECT:** Resolution supporting Florida  
International University's  
2013 state legislative priorities  
and urging the Florida  
Legislature to enact the  
University's legislative  
priorities

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The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Juan C. Zapata.

  
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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 Mayor'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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3-5-13

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

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY'S 2013 STATE LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES AND URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO ENACT THE UNIVERSITY'S LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES**

**WHEREAS**, Florida International University is Miami's first and only public research university, offering bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degrees; and

**WHEREAS**, Florida International University's Herbert Wertheim College of Medicine and the School of Computing and Information Sciences' Discovery Lab, are just two of many colleges, schools, and centers that actively enhance the University's ability to set new standards through research initiatives; and

**WHEREAS**, Florida International University sent one of twenty teams from five countries to participate in the United States Department of Energy 2011 Solar Decathlon, where the team of 40 students, presented a 780-square-foot, solar-powered home designed, built, and operated by the team; and

**WHEREAS**, Florida International University is part of a coalition of interdisciplinary organizations promoting the growth of the life sciences industry in our local community; and

**WHEREAS**, cultural beacons of South Florida, The Wolfsonian-Florida International University and The Patricia & Phillip Frost Art Museum attract global audiences while engaging local communities through the power of art and design; and

**WHEREAS**, committed to local and global engagement, Florida International University is one of only 300 institutions nationwide to attain the Community Engagement Classification by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching; and

**WHEREAS**, 115,000 Florida International University alumni live and work in South Florida; and

**WHEREAS**, Florida International University leads this region's efforts to produce graduates who meet the current and future needs of South Florida's job market; and

**WHEREAS**, Florida International University's Office of Governmental Relations advocates for the University's legislative priorities, securing public funding for the University to continue to pursue its mission of being committed to high-quality teaching, state-of-the-art research and creative activity, and collaborative engagement with its local and global communities; and

**WHEREAS**, Florida International University's 2013 top state legislative priorities include urging the Florida Legislature to enact the following: (1) restore the \$300 million cut to the State University System's general revenue (\$24.3 million to Florida International University) and provide an additional \$118 million in performance funding (\$12.4 to Florida International University) to the fiscal year 2013-2014 budget; (2) appropriate \$762,589 in incremental funds for the Herbert Wertheim College of Medicine; (3) appropriate funds for the University's operations, maintenance and fixed capital outlay; and (4) appropriate funds for hurricane mitigation projects such as the Wall of Wind and the Public Loss Model; and

**WHEREAS**, this Board desires to show its support of Florida International University's 2013 state legislative priorities, to the extent consistent with the Miami-Dade County State Legislative Package, so that the University can continue to prosper, and in turn, improve the lives of Miami-Dade County residents through the University's innovative research, community engagement, and impact in South Florida's job market,

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

**Section 1.** Supports the following Florida International University 2013 state legislative priorities and urges the Florida Legislature to enact the following, to the extent consistent with the Miami-Dade County State Legislative Package, during the 2013 legislative session:

- A. Restore the \$300 million cut to the State University System's general revenue (\$24.3 million to Florida International University) and provide an additional \$118 million in performance funding (\$12.4 to Florida International University) to the fiscal year 2013-2014 budget;
- B. Appropriate \$762,589 in incremental funds for the Herbert Wertheim College of Medicine;
- C. Appropriate funds for the University's operations, maintenance and fixed capital outlay; and
- D. Appropriate funds for hurricane mitigation projects such as the Wall of Wind and the Public Loss Model.

**Section 2.** Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the Governor, Senate President, House Speaker, Chair and Members of the Miami-Dade State Legislative Delegation, and Florida International University's Office of Governmental Relations.

**Section 3.** Directs the state lobbyists to advocate for the actions set forth in Section 1 above, and directs the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs to amend the 2013 State Legislative Package to include this item.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Juan C. Zapata. 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:

Rebeca Sosa, Chairwoman  
Lynda Bell, Vice Chair

Bruno A. Barreiro  
Jose "Pepe" Diaz  
Sally A. Heyman  
Jean Monestime  
Sen. Javier D. Souto  
Juan C. Zapata

Esteban L. Bovo, Jr.  
Audrey M. Edmonson  
Barbara J. Jordan  
Dennis C. Moss  
Xavier L. Suarez

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 5<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2013. 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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Annery Pulgar Alfonso