

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(13)

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

DATE: June 4, 2013

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

SUBJECT: Resolution declaring the 20th
day of June beginning on June
20, 2013 and each June 20th
thereafter as World Refugee Day

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Chairwoman Rebeca Sosa and Co-Sponsor Commissioner Barbara J. Jordan.



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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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RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION DECLARING THE 20TH DAY OF JUNE
BEGINNING ON JUNE 20, 2013 AND EACH JUNE 20TH
THEREAFTER AS WORLD REFUGEE DAY

WHEREAS, nearly 15.2 million refugees worldwide are currently displaced from their homes; and

WHEREAS, 46 percent of refugees in the world are children under the age of 18; and

WHEREAS, 137,550 eligible refugees, entrant, asylees, parolees and certified victims of human trafficking have arrived in Florida, with the largest number of refugees resettling in Miami-Dade County; and

WHEREAS, for years, many countries in Africa have observed Refugee Day on June 20th; and

WHEREAS, as an expression of solidarity with Africa, which traditionally has shown refugees great generosity, a special UN General Assembly Resolution was unanimously adopted in 2000 which designated June 20th every year as "World Refugee Day"; and

WHEREAS, World Refugee Day honors the resilience and contributions of those forced to flee from their homelands due to persecution, their hard-earned wisdom, diverse experiences, and unceasing courage; and

WHEREAS, refugees enrich our nation and strengthen America as a beacon of hope, and World Refugee Day celebrates them and acknowledges the compassion of those who welcome them into their homes and communities; and

WHEREAS, many uprooted people have found safe haven in America, bringing with them determination and optimism to contribute to our cultural, economic, and intellectual fabric; and

WHEREAS, the United States has welcomed more refugee men, women, and children than any other country, and provides a home to some of the world's most vulnerable individuals, enriching our own country and advancing our leadership in the world; and

WHEREAS, the State of Florida has successfully resettled tens of thousands of refugees over the years, many of whom have become influential members of our communities and the State and its municipalities remain firmly committed to a proud tradition of assisting and welcoming refugees; and

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County is home to thousands of refugees from countries near and far who now call the County home; and

WHEREAS, this Board desires to declare the 20th day of June as World Refugee Day, so as to encourage Miami-Dade County residents to learn more about the opportunities available to serve refugees and to celebrate their contribution to our community through appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities,

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

Section 1. Declares the 20th day of June, beginning June 20, 2013 and each year thereafter as World Refugee Day.

Section 2. Encourages Miami-Dade County residents to observe this day and learn more about the opportunities available to serve refugees and to celebrate the contributions refugees make to our community.

Section 3. Further encourages Miami-Dade County residents to participate in events such as the Florida Department of Children and Families, Refugee Services Office Outreach and Family Day event at the Stephen P. Clark Government Center lobby on Friday, June 14, 2013 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Chairwoman Rebeca Sosa and the Co-Sponsor is Commissioner Barbara J. Jordan. 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 4th day of June, 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.



Lauren E. Morse