MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 14(A)(2)

TO:	Honorable Chairwoman Rebeca Sosa and Members, Board of County Commissioners	**DATE:**	May 7, 2013
FROM:	R. A. Cuevas, Jr. County Attorney	**SUBJECT:**	Resolution declaring the week commencing May 12, 2013 and ending May 18, 2013, as Haitian Flag Day Week in Miami-Dade County

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Chairwoman Rebeca Sosa.

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County Attorney

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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 WEEK COMMENCING MAY 12, 2013 AND ENDING MAY 18, 2013, AS HAITIAN FLAG DAY WEEK IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY

WHEREAS, during the Haitian revolutionary war, the Congress of Arcahaie convened from May 15-18, 1803, to unite the command of the Haitian revolutionary army under one authority and to adopt a flag; and

WHEREAS, on the last day of the Congress, May 18, 1803, the generals swore an oath of "Liberty or Death" on the adopted blue and red bicolor flag, which was to lead the slaves to victory and freedom; and

WHEREAS, the people of Haiti, including those who have migrated to Miami-Dade County, take a great deal of pride in their nation's flag; and

WHEREAS, there is no greater symbol of their everlasting dedication to an independent Haiti than the flag which represents their triumphs; and

WHEREAS, the descendants of these revolutionaries are so proud of them that students of Haitian backgrounds within the United States dress with the colors of the flag throughout the week of May 18, celebrating when the flag was first created; and

WHEREAS, the Office of Community Advocacy ("OCA"), within the Office of the Chair, works to improve community relations and foster mutual understanding, tolerance and respect among all economic, social, religious and ethnic groups in the County and urges the citizens of the County to join those of Haitian backgrounds as they rejoice in the

accomplishments of their ancestors by memorializing the week of May 12, 2013 to May 18, 2013, as "Haitian Flag Day Week,"

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that this Board hereby proclaims the week commencing May 12, 2013 and ending on May 18, 2013 as Haitian Flag Day Week and urges the citizens of the County to join those of Haitian backgrounds in such a significant week in Haitian history.

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

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

Juliette Antoine