

# MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(8)

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


**DATE:** July 2, 2013

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

**SUBJECT:** Resolution directing the mayor  
to create a web page directly  
accessible from the County's  
homepage that contains an online  
glossary of legislative terms

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The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime 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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7-2-13

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

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE MAYOR OR MAYOR'S  
DESIGNEE TO CREATE A WEB PAGE DIRECTLY  
ACCESSIBLE FROM THE COUNTY'S HOMEPAGE THAT  
CONTAINS AN ONLINE GLOSSARY OF LEGISLATIVE  
TERMS

**WHEREAS**, Miami-Dade County government, like all democratic government, is strengthened by civic participation and increased involvement from its citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, making the governmental process more accessible and comprehensible to citizens encourages greater civic participation and involvement in government; and

**WHEREAS**, helping citizens to become more familiar with the terms and definitions used within the legislative process is an important way to increase the accessibility and comprehensibility of government; and

**WHEREAS**, the Miami-Dade County website currently provides numerous web pages designed to help bring Miami-Dade County government closer to its citizens, including Webcasting, the Legislative Search feature, and detailed web pages for each District and respective Commissioner in Miami-Dade County; and

**WHEREAS**, the Miami-Dade County website, however, does not include an online glossary of legislative terms; and

**WHEREAS**, there should be a single web page, directly accessible from the County's homepage (<http://www.miamidade.gov>), that contains an online glossary of legislative terms; and

**WHEREAS**, this online legislative glossary should be modeled after the legislative glossaries currently accessible from the websites of the Florida Senate and the Florida House of Representatives; and

**WHEREAS**, this online legislative glossary would help familiarize Miami-Dade County residents with many of the terms and definitions used within the legislative process, thereby making Miami-Dade County government more accessible and comprehensible to its citizens and promoting greater civic participation in our government,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA**, that this Board directs the Mayor or Mayor's designee to create a web page directly accessible from the county's homepage that contains an online glossary of legislative terms.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution 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:

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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 2<sup>nd</sup> day of July, 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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Michael J. Mastrucci