

# MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(9)

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

**DATE:** September 17, 2013

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

**SUBJECT:** Resolution recognizing the  
month of October, 2013 as  
Family Literacy Month in  
Miami-Dade County;  
recognizing the month of  
October each year thereafter as  
Family Literacy Month in  
Miami-Dade County

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The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Jean Monestime.

  
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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

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Veto \_\_\_\_\_

9-17-13

Override \_\_\_\_\_

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

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE MONTH OF OCTOBER, 2013 AS FAMILY LITERACY MONTH IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY; RECOGNIZING THE MONTH OF OCTOBER EACH YEAR THEREAFTER AS FAMILY LITERACY MONTH IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY; DIRECTING THE MAYOR OR DESIGNEE TO PREPARE A PLAN FOR A PUBLIC INFORMATION AND EDUCATIONAL CAMPAIGN, INCLUDING EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES, DURING FAMILY LITERACY MONTH IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY

**WHEREAS**, the National Assessment of Adult Literacy reports that 90 million adults in the United States do not have the literacy skills necessary to succeed in the workplace and in society; and

**WHEREAS**, literacy is essential to the economic and societal well-being of our community, and is necessary for individuals to fully benefit from the opportunities available to them; and

**WHEREAS**, the unemployment rate is highest among those people without a high school diploma or an equivalent credential, demonstrating that education is important to economic recovery; and

**WHEREAS**, many older people in the United States lack the reading or math skills necessary to read a prescription and follow medical instructions, presenting risks to their lives and the lives of their loved ones; and

**WHEREAS**, studies have shown that the educational skills of a child's parents and the practice of reading to a child have a direct impact on the educational success of the child; and

**WHEREAS**, parental involvement in a child's education is a key predictor of a child's success, and the level of parental involvement in a child's education increases as the educational level of the parent increases; and

**WHEREAS**, parents who participate in family literacy programs become more involved in their children's education and gain the tools necessary to obtain a job or find better employment; and

**WHEREAS**, Miami-Dade libraries, public schools, volunteer and community-based literacy organizations, colleges and universities are significant resources for family literacy; and

**WHEREAS**, this Board would like to encourage Miami-Dade County residents to learn more about the importance of family literacy as well as ways to promote, support and encourage family literacy in our community; and

**WHEREAS**, Family Literacy Month would highlight the need to ensure each and every citizen has the literacy skills necessary to succeed at home, at work and in society; and

**WHEREAS**, to encourage and promote family literacy in Miami-Dade County, to increase awareness of family literacy and to applaud the efforts of those entities in Miami-Dade County that help promote adult and family literacy services, this Board would like to recognize the month of October, 2013 as Family Literacy Month in Miami-Dade County and further recognize the month of October each year thereafter as Family Literacy Month in Miami-Dade County,

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

**Section 1.** Recognizes the month of October, 2013 as Family Literacy Month in Miami-Dade County and further recognizes the month of October each year thereafter as Family Literacy Month in Miami-Dade County.

**Section 2.** Directs the Mayor or designee to conduct a public information and educational campaign, including events and activities, for Family Literacy Month in Miami-Dade County the month of October, 2013, as well as the month of October each year thereafter.

**Section 3.** Directs the Mayor or designee to provide a report to the Board by December 1, 2013 on (i) the public information and educational campaign, including events and activities, that was conducted for Family Literacy Month in October, 2013 as well as (ii) a plan for a public information and educational campaign, including events and activities, for Family Literacy Month each October thereafter.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Jean Monestime. 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 17<sup>th</sup> day of September, 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.



Jess M. McCarty