MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(13)

TO:	Honorable Chairwoman Rebeca Sosa and Members, Board of County Commissioners	**DATE:**	November 5, 2013
FROM:	R. A. Cuevas, Jr. County Attorney	**SUBJECT:**	Resolution requesting the Mayor to increase police officer patrols and uniform officer presence at the cemetery grounds located within Miami-Dade County

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Senator Javier D. Souto.

R. A. Cuevas, Jr.
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 REQUESTING THE MAYOR OR DESIGNEE TO INCREASE POLICE OFFICER PATROLS AND UNIFORM OFFICER PRESENCE AT THE CEMETERY GROUNDS LOCATED WITHIN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County has over fifty (50) cemeteries; and

WHEREAS, objects at Miami-Dade County cemeteries such as tombstone vases and bronze name plates are often stolen and sold for scrap metal; and

WHEREAS, other crimes such as vandalism and robbery have occurred at Miami-Dade County cemeteries; and

WHEREAS, in 2010 the SunSentinel reported that over two-hundred (200) bronze name plates were stolen from a Miami-Dade County cemetery; and

WHEREAS, in 2012 CBS 4 News of Miami and The Miami Herald reported that cemeteries located in Miami-Dade County were being vandalized and the final resting place of the interred residents were disturbed; and

WHEREAS, in 2012 NBC 6 News of Miami reported that a series of vehicle burglaries took place at a Miami-Dade County cemetery while citizens were visiting the final resting place of their interred loved ones; and

WHEREAS, in 2012 CBS 4 News of Miami reported the occurrence of at least six (6) thefts of human remains from a Miami-Dade County cemetery; and

WHEREAS, in 2013 WSVN 7 News of Miami reported vandalism in a Miami-Dade County cemetery in which multiple graves were disturbed and caskets and tombs were broken; and

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County has an interest in protecting funeral and burial merchandise and the final resting place of its interred citizens to avoid the public suffering emotional stress; and

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County has an interest in ensuring the safety of the individuals who visit the cemeteries' interred,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that this Board requests the Mayor or designee to increase police officer patrols and uniformed police officer presence at Miami-Dade County cemeteries to ensure the safety of the public and to protect the interred and property contained therein.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Senator Javier D. Souto. 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 5th day of November, 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.

Christopher A. Angell