

# MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 8(H)(1)

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

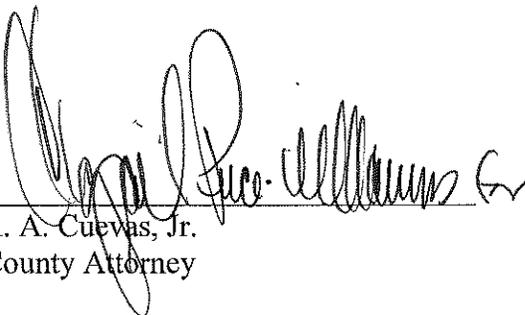
**DATE:** November 5, 2013

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

**SUBJECT:** Resolution authorizing establishment of the Zoo Miami Improvement Trust Fund to accept donations and contributions, proceeds from fundraising activities, and annual higher than anticipated revenues for maintenance, repairs and improvements at Zoo Miami

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The accompanying resolution was prepared by the Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces Department and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Dennis C. Moss.



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County Attorney

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**From:** Carlos A. Gimenez  
Mayor 

**Subject:** Establishment of the Zoo Miami Improvement Trust Fund

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## Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners (Board) authorize the establishment of the Zoo Miami Improvement Trust Fund (Trust Fund) to accept donations and contributions, proceeds from fundraising activities, and higher than anticipated earned revenues with approval from the Office of Management and Budget, for extraordinary maintenance, repairs and improvements at Zoo Miami.

## Scope

Zoo Miami is a Countywide attraction, hosting more than 800,000 visitors and residents annually; the scope is therefore Countywide.

## Fiscal Impact/Funding Source

The establishment of the Trust Fund is expected to have a positive fiscal impact by creating a reserve for extraordinary maintenance, repair and improvements that will support continued revenue growth at Zoo Miami.

## Track Record/Monitor

All disbursements from the Trust Fund would be by recommendation of the Zoo Miami Director and approved by the Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces Department Director. Expenditures from the Trust Fund will be restricted, and will only be used for extraordinary maintenance repairs, and improvements at Zoo Miami.

## Background (needs updated)

PROS operates and maintains Zoo Miami. Rated among the top 10 zoos in the U.S., this cageless zoo is five times larger than the average U.S. zoo, with more than 300 acres showcasing more than 3,000 animals, representing over 500 species. Special exhibits include the largest Asian aviary in the U.S. and Dr. Wilde's World (an indoor gallery of discovery). Visitors can enjoy an elevated monorail, safari cycle rentals, guided tram tours, behind-the-scenes zookeeper tours, animal feeding encounters, and wildlife shows. The establishment of the Trust Fund will help ensure that funding is available to meet the improvement needs necessary to maintain Zoo Miami as a high level attraction.

  
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Lisa Martinez, Senior Advisor  
Office of the Mayor



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(Revised)

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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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11-5-13

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

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ESTABLISHMENT OF THE ZOO MIAMI IMPROVEMENT TRUST FUND TO ACCEPT DONATIONS AND CONTRIBUTIONS, PROCEEDS FROM FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES, AND ANNUAL HIGHER THAN ANTICIPATED REVENUES FOR MAINTENANCE, REPAIRS AND IMPROVEMENTS AT ZOO MIAMI

**WHEREAS**, this Board desires to accomplish the purposes outlined in the accompanying memorandum, a copy of which is incorporated herein by reference,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA**, this Board hereby approves the establishment of the Zoo Miami Improvement Trust Fund for the purpose of creating a reserve for maintenance, repair and improvement needs at Zoo Miami. Expenditures from the Trust Fund will be restricted for these purposes.

The foregoing resolution 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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.

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Miguel A. Gonzalez