MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(20)

TO:	Honorable Chairwoman Rebeca Sosa and Members, Board of County Commissioners	**DATE:**	February 4, 2014
FROM:	R. A. Cuevas, Jr. County Attorney	**SUBJECT:**	Resolution opposing a Proposed Committee Bill by the House Economic Development and Tourism Subcommittee, PCB EDTS 14-02 or similar legislation, that would remove the requirement that each local emergency management agency maintain a registry of persons with special needs within their jurisdiction and require a statewide registry

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

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 OPPOSING A PROPOSED COMMITTEE BILL BY THE HOUSE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM SUBCOMMITTEE, PCB EDTS 14-02 OR SIMILAR LEGISLATION, THAT WOULD REMOVE THE REQUIREMENT THAT EACH LOCAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY MAINTAIN A REGISTRY OF PERSONS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS WITHIN THEIR JURISDICTION AND REQUIRE A STATEWIDE REGISTRY

WHEREAS, each of the 67 counties in Florida currently are required to maintain a Special Needs Registry in order meet the special needs of persons who, because of physical, mental, cognitive impairment, or sensory disabilities, would require assistance during evacuations and sheltering; and

WHEREAS, since 1980, counties have been required to maintain Special Needs Registries under state law; and

WHEREAS, a Proposed Committee Bill by the House Economic Development and Tourism Subcommittee, PCB EDTS 14-02, would require that the Florida Division of Emergency Management maintain a registry of persons with special needs located in Florida and remove the requirement that each local emergency management agency maintain such registry; and

WHEREAS, the counties and their local partners, not the Florida Department of Emergency Management, are directly responsible for the transportation of persons with special needs and the operation of shelters in emergency situations; and

WHEREAS, over 2,000 Miami-Dade County residents are registered on Miami-Dade County's Special Needs Registry; and

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County's registry system links special transportation providers and area hospitals that deliver critical resources during emergency situations; and

WHEREAS, the Miami-Dade County Office of Emergency Management has the ability to access its Special Needs Registry even in the event that a disaster causes power loss throughout the County; and

WHEREAS, a single statewide one-size-fits-all Special Needs Registry may be less effective at serving the unique characteristics and capabilities of individual counties,

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

Section 1. Opposes a Proposed Committee Bill by the House Economic Development and Tourism Subcommittee, PCB EDTS 14-02 or similar legislation, that would remove the requirement that each local emergency management agency maintain a registry of persons with special needs within their jurisdiction and require a statewide registry.

Section 2. Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the Governor, Senate President, House Speaker, the Chair and Members of the Miami-Dade State Legislative Delegation, and the Director of the Florida Division of Emergency Management.

Section 3. Directs the County's state lobbyists to advocate against the passage of the legislation as set forth in Section 1 above, and authorizes and directs the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs to include this item in the 2014 State Legislative Package.

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 4th day of February, 2014. 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. MP

Matthew Papkin