

# MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(2)

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

**DATE:** November 5, 2014

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

**SUBJECT:** Resolution modifying transit fare  
structure after a public hearing  
by expanding the Patriot Passport  
Program to veterans receiving  
disability benefits

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The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Jose "Pepe" Diaz.



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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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11-5-14

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

RESOLUTION MODIFYING TRANSIT FARE STRUCTURE  
AFTER A PUBLIC HEARING BY EXPANDING THE  
PATRIOT PASSPORT PROGRAM TO VETERANS  
RECEIVING DISABILITY BENEFITS

**WHEREAS**, members of the armed forces have continuously served this nation and the cause of freedom with distinction; and

**WHEREAS**, this Board wishes to express its appreciation to those men and women who have risked their lives defending this nation and its interests; and

**WHEREAS**, this Board, on June 8, 2004, adopted R-729-04 which created the Patriot Passport program and provided fare free transit services for veterans meeting certain criteria; and

**WHEREAS**, this Board wishes to expand the Patriot Passport program to disabled veterans who receive Veterans' Administration benefits; and

**WHEREAS**, expanding the Patriot Passport program may increase transit ridership and reduce congestion on the roads of Miami-Dade County,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA**, that pursuant to Section 2-150 of the Code of Miami-Dade County, following a public hearing, the transit fare structure is modified to allow Miami-Dade County residents to use the transit system without paying a fare if they are veterans having received a discharge other than a punitive discharge in the case of enlisted personnel, or a dismissal in the case of commissioned officers and either (1) their household income does not exceed the standard threshold applied to determine eligibility for the

low-income, senior citizen's additional homestead exemption or (2) they receive disability benefits from the United States Veterans' Administration.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Jose "Pepe" Diaz. 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 5<sup>th</sup> day of November, 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.



Bruce Libhaber