

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(8)

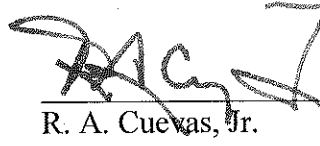
TO: Honorable Chairwoman Rebeca Sosa
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: December 16, 2014

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

SUBJECT: Resolution supporting House
Speaker Steve Crisafulli's
setting of funding film,
television and entertainment
incentives as one of his
legislative priorities; urging
all Florida counties to join in
this initiative

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



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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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12-16-14

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING HOUSE SPEAKER STEVE CRISAFULLI'S SETTING OF FUNDING FILM, TELEVISION AND ENTERTAINMENT INCENTIVES AS ONE OF HIS LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES; URGING ALL FLORIDA COUNTIES TO JOIN IN THIS INITIATIVE

WHEREAS, in November of 2014, House Speaker Steve Crisafulli (R – Merritt Island) identified funding film, television and entertainment incentives as one of his legislative priorities; and

WHEREAS, during the 2010 legislative session, the Florida Legislature enacted Chapter No. 2010-147, Laws of Florida (SB 1752), which created the Florida Entertainment Industry Financial Incentive Program (“Program”), codified as Section 288.1254, Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, the Program offers tax credits to qualifying film, television and other entertainment industry projects to attract business to and create jobs in this state; and

WHEREAS, the Program was a significant success, and the Florida Legislature added an additional \$12 million in funding during the 2011 session, and an additional \$42 million during the 2012 session, for a total of \$296 million; and

WHEREAS, 342 productions qualified for the Program and spent approximately \$1.5 billion in this state during the four-year period in which the Program was funded by the Florida Legislature, according to the Florida Office of Film and Entertainment; and

WHEREAS, by early 2013, however, all of the state tax credits under the Program, totaling the entire \$296 million, had been claimed, and the Florida Legislature has not added funding to the Program in the last two years; and

WHEREAS, at the present time, there are no state tax credits available to attract new film, television and entertainment projects to this state, other than tax credits that might be returned by projects that initially reserved credits, but ended up not going forward; and

WHEREAS, since the funding was depleted, Miami-Dade County and the state have been operating at a competitive disadvantage to the roughly 40 states that offer incentives to attract film, television, commercials and other production companies; and

WHEREAS, some businesses and individuals working in industries related to film production are relocating out of Miami-Dade County and Florida to states that are committed to attracting the entertainment industry; and

WHEREAS, this Board has adopted a number of resolutions urging the Florida Legislature to make a long-term commitment to fund film, television and entertainment incentives that foster economic development and create jobs, including Resolution No. R-602-13, Resolution No. R-366-14 and Resolution No. R-824-14; and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. R-824-14 preliminarily identified the funding of film, entertainment and television incentives that foster economic development and create jobs as a critical County priority for the 2015 state legislative session; and

WHEREAS, this Board would like to strongly express its support for House Speaker Steve Crisafulli's setting of funding film, television and entertainment incentives as one of his legislative priorities and urges all Florida counties to join in this initiative,

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

Section 1. Supports House Speaker Steve Crisafulli's setting of funding film, television and entertainment incentives as one of his legislative priorities.

Section 2. Urges all Florida counties to join in this initiative.

Section 3. Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit a certified copy of his resolution to House Speaker Steve Crisafulli, the Chair and Members of the Miami-Dade State Legislative Delegation, the Chair or other presiding officer of the County Commission and the Mayor, County Administrator or other chief administrative officer of each of the other 66 counties in Florida and the Executive Director of the Florida Association of Counties.

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

Bruno A. Barreiro
Daniella Levine Cava
Audrey M. Edmonson
Barbara J. Jordan
Dennis C. Moss
Xavier L. Suarez

Esteban L. Bovo, Jr.
Jose "Pepe" Diaz
Sally A. Heyman
Jean Monestime
Sen. Javier D. Souto
Juan C. Zapata

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 16th day of December, 2014. This resolution shall become effective upon the earlier of (1) 10 days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the County Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board, or (2) approval by the County Mayor of this Resolution and the filing of this approval with the Clerk of the 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