

# MEMORANDUM

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Agenda Item No. 2D

**TO:** Honorable Chairman Jean Monestime  
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

**DATE:** March 11, 2015

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

**SUBJECT:** Resolution directing the Mayor to identify areas in Miami-Dade County with high juvenile crime and high-crime areas with a significant juvenile presence and to prioritize and dedicate additional resources towards enforcement of the Miami-Dade County Juvenile Curfew Ordinance in those areas, to initiate an outreach campaign to inform the affected communities and coordinate with respective municipal law enforcement agencies, and to submit status reports on the results of the enforcement efforts and outreach campaign

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Audrey M. Edmonson.



R. A. Cuevas, Jr.  
County Attorney

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(Revised)

**TO:** Honorable Chairman Jean Monestime  
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

**DATE:** April 21, 2015

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

**SUBJECT:** Agenda Item No.

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 \_\_\_\_\_

Agenda Item No.  
4-21-15

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

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE MAYOR OR MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO IDENTIFY AREAS IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY WITH HIGH JUVENILE CRIME AND HIGH-CRIME AREAS WITH A SIGNIFICANT JUVENILE PRESENCE AND TO PRIORITIZE AND DEDICATE ADDITIONAL RESOURCES TOWARDS ENFORCEMENT OF THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY JUVENILE CURFEW ORDINANCE IN THOSE AREAS, TO INITIATE AN OUTREACH CAMPAIGN TO INFORM THE AFFECTED COMMUNITIES AND COORDINATE WITH RESPECTIVE MUNICIPAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES, AND TO SUBMIT STATUS REPORTS ON THE RESULTS OF THE ENFORCEMENT EFFORTS AND OUTREACH CAMPAIGN

**WHEREAS**, Miami-Dade County faces a mounting crisis caused by crime, including juvenile crime and delinquency, which threatens peaceful citizens, residents, and visitors; and

**WHEREAS**, based on crime statistics, high-crime areas in Miami-Dade County include, but are not limited to, portions of the cities of Miami, Miami Gardens, and Opa-Locka; and

**WHEREAS**, this criminal activity, both individually and collectively, presents a clear and present danger to the citizenry and to the public order and safety; and

**WHEREAS**, juveniles in Miami-Dade County, in particular, have become victims of crime and violence in steadily increasing numbers; and

**WHEREAS**, there has also been an increase in the number of violent crimes committed by juveniles in Miami-Dade County; and

**WHEREAS**, in order to properly address crime in Miami-Dade County, a multipronged effort is required that, among other things, focuses on those age groups particularly vulnerable to both being victims of crime and susceptible to being induced into committing crime; and

**WHEREAS**, Miami-Dade County enacted the Miami-Dade County Juvenile Curfew Ordinance in recognition of the peculiar vulnerability of juveniles, their frequent inability to make critical decisions in an informed, mature manner, and the importance of the parental role in child-rearing; and

**WHEREAS**, these concerns are only amplified during late night and early morning hours in areas with high juvenile crime or high-crime areas with a significant juvenile presence; and

**WHEREAS**, for that reason, this Board finds that prioritizing and dedicating additional resources towards the enforcement of the Miami-Dade County Juvenile Curfew Ordinance in high crime areas is likely to improve public safety by providing significant results in protecting juveniles, and other citizens, residents and visitors of Miami-Dade County from the dangers of crimes, decreasing the amount of criminal activity engaged in by juveniles, and promoting and enhancing parental control over juveniles,

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

**Section 1.** The County Mayor or Mayor's designee is directed to identify areas in Miami-Dade County with high juvenile crime and high-crime areas with a significant juvenile presence and to prioritize and dedicate additional resources towards enforcement of the Miami-Dade County Juvenile Curfew Ordinance in those areas using legally available funding sources appropriated in the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 County Budget. The Mayor or Mayor's designee is further directed to initiate an outreach campaign to inform the affected communities about these enforcement efforts and to coordinate with respective municipal law enforcement agencies within 30 days of the effective date of this resolution using legally available funding sources appropriated in the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 County Budget.

**Section 2.** The Mayor or Mayor's designee is further directed to submit a status report to this Board within 90 days of the effective date of this resolution and to place the completed report on an agenda of the Board pursuant to Ordinance No. 14-65. The status report shall, at a minimum, include details regarding: (1) the high crime areas that were identified; (2) the crime rate in those identified areas both before and after the prioritization and dedication of additional resources towards enforcement of the Miami-Dade County Juvenile Curfew Ordinance; (3) the efforts undertaken as part of the outreach campaign to inform the affected communities; (4) the status of any coordination with municipal law enforcement agencies; (5) any recommendations to improve enforcement efforts; (6) whether additional funds are needed to implement existing efforts; and (7) whether additional funds are needed from the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 County Budget to either continue to implement existing efforts or to implement any of the proposed recommendations to improve enforcement efforts. In addition, the Mayor or Mayor's designee is directed to submit updated status reports, and to place the updated reports on an agenda of the Board pursuant to Ordinance No. 14-65, every 90 days thereafter for one year after the effective date of this resolution so that the Board can evaluate whether there is a continuing need for such enforcement efforts.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Audrey M. Edmonson.

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:

Jean Monestime, Chairman  
Esteban L. Bovo, Jr., Vice Chairman

Bruno A. Barreiro

Jose "Pepe" Diaz

Sally A. Heyman

Dennis C. Moss

Sen. Javier D. Souto

Juan C. Zapata

Daniella Levine Cava

Audrey M. Edmonson

Barbara J. Jordan

Rebeca Sosa

Xavier L. Suarez

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 21<sup>st</sup> day of April, 2015. 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.

MBV

Michael B. Valdes

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