MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(46)

TO:	Honorable Chairman Jean Monestime and Members, Board of County Commissioners	**DATE:**	October 6, 2015
FROM:	R. A. Cuevas, Jr. County Attorney	**SUBJECT:**	Resolution urging Congress, the Florida Legislature, the Florida Secretary of State and other applicable federal and state agencies to provide funding for the restoration of Naval Air Station Richmond Building No. 25 as the Miami Military Museum

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Dennis C. Moss.

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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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10-6-15

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION URGING CONGRESS, THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE, THE FLORIDA SECRETARY OF STATE AND OTHER APPLICABLE FEDERAL AND STATE AGENCIES TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR THE RESTORATION OF NAVAL AIR STATION RICHMOND BUILDING NO. 25 AS THE MIAMI MILITARY MUSEUM

WHEREAS, during World War II, Naval Air Station Richmond, in Miami-Dade County, became the world's largest blimp base; and

WHEREAS, the need for such a blimp base in South Dade arose from the Nazi U-boat threat to Allied merchant marines near the Florida coast; and

WHEREAS, blimps were housed in giant 16-story wooden hangars at Naval Air Station Richmond; and

WHEREAS, Building No. 25 was the headquarters for the blimp base at Naval Air Station Richmond, and is the only remaining wood-frame building from the blimp base; and

WHEREAS, Building No. 25 continued to be used after World War II for various functions, including as the Central Intelligence Agency headquarters for JM-WAVE, a covert operation against Fidel Castro during the Cuban Missile Crisis; and

WHEREAS, Building No. 25 has been relocated to county-owned land near ZooMiami and the Gold Coast Railroad Museum for use as the Miami Military Museum; and

WHEREAS, because of its historical significance, the Miami-Dade Historic Preservation Board in 2010 named Building No. 25 a historic landmark; and

WHEREAS, the Friends of the Military Museum of South Florida at NAS Richmond, Inc., a 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation, currently owns Building No. 25 and is seeking to restore Building No. 25 for use as a military museum; and

WHEREAS, benefits to the public from the completion of the Miami Military Museum include, but are not limited to, increased tourism, economic stimulus, military recognition, historic preservation, and public education; and

WHEREAS, the total cost of relocation, restoration, and facility preparation is approximately $7 million, of which $4.5 million has been committed (including $3 million from Miami-Dade County's Building Better Communities General Obligation Bond Program), leaving a balance of approximately $2.5 million to be raised for the completion of the project; and

WHEREAS, private entities have expressed a willingness to help match public support for restoration and operation of the Miami Military Museum; and

WHEREAS, on October 2, 2012, this Board enacted Resolution No. R-827-12, and on September 17, 2013, this Board enacted Resolution No. R-772-13, which urged Congress, the Florida Legislature, and applicable federal and state agencies to provide funding for the Miami Military Museum; and

WHEREAS, during the 2013 and 2014 sessions, the Florida Legislature funded the Miami Military Museum in the General Appropriations Act in the combined amount of approximately $1.5 million; and

WHEREAS, this Board urges the applicable government entities to partially match the existing commitments by Miami-Dade County to the Miami Military Museum, in the amount needed to complete the Miami Military Museum,

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

Section 1. Urges Congress and applicable federal agencies to provide funding for the Miami Military Museum.

Section 2. Urges the Florida Legislature, the Division of Historical Resources of the Florida Secretary of State's Office, the Florida Department of Veterans' Affairs and other applicable state agencies to provide state funding for the Miami Military Museum.

Section 3. Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the members of the Florida Congressional Delegation.

Section 4. Directs the Clerk of this Board to send a certified copy of this resolution to the Governor, Senate President, House Speaker, the Chair and Members of the Miami-Dade State Legislative Delegation, the Florida Secretary of State and the Executive Director of the Florida Department of Veterans' Affairs.

Section 5. Directs the County's federal and state lobbyists to advocate for the passage of the legislation and action set forth in section 1 and section 2 above, and authorizes and directs the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs to include this item in the 2016 federal and state legislative packages when they are presented to the Board.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Dennis C. Moss. 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	Daniella Levine Cava
Jose "Pepe" Diaz	Audrey M. Edmonson
Sally A. Heyman	Barbara J. Jordan
Dennis C. Moss	Rebeca Sosa
Sen. Javier D. Souto	Xavier L. Suarez
Juan C. Zapata	

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 6th day of October, 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. MP

Matthew Papkin

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