Memorandum

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY

Date: February 11, 2016

February 17, 2016
Agenda Item No. 14B1

To: Honorable Chairman Jean Monestime
And Members, Board of County Commissioners

From: Carlos A. Gimenez
Mayor

Subject: Report on Feasibility of Implementing a Support System at Parks and Libraries for Families to Address the Loss of Their Children and Make Expert Resources Available – Directive 152914

At the December 15, 2015 Board of County Commissioners (Board) meeting, Commissioner Javier D. Souto requested the administration review the feasibility of implementing a support system through the Miami-Dade County park and library systems to help families address the loss of their children, and to have experts meet with these families to address issues and identify solutions. This request was pursuant to the attached Board Resolution No. R-1172-15.

The Community Action and Human Services Department (CAHSD) and Jackson Health System will initiate outreach programs to provide services to help families that have experienced the death of a child or family member through gun violence or other trauma in vulnerable neighborhoods, utilizing parks and libraries as venues to facilitate these programs. CAHSD will spearhead this effort, along with the Miami-Dade County Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces Department (PROS) and the Miami-Dade County Public Library System (MDPLS).

This project will align with my initiative on youth safety. The Joint Roundtable on Youth Safety (Roundtable) was established to unite mayors and police chiefs from all 34 municipalities, as well as community stakeholders, in order to discuss the most effective means of safeguarding our children. Through guided discussions led by targeted working groups, the Roundtable identified ways to leverage collective resources, encourage and increase community engagement, and ensure the safety of our community's youth. The Roundtable's Youth Services working group consists of community stakeholders, law enforcement, and community and faith-based organizations, whose primary focus is to establish and execute a robust safety net of support for all youth throughout Miami-Dade County.

This joint effort provided the mechanism to bring together leaders in the areas of education, mental health, substance abuse, mentoring, employment, crime prevention, juvenile justice, and recreation. As such, the Roundtable's working groups, in collaboration with all stakeholders, drafted numerous recommendations addressing the needs of at-risk children in school, community, and home. The 2013 Community Action Plan detailed the process taken to engage our community leaders and a collaborative, long-term approach that has been implemented and is ongoing.

Additionally, the Violence Intervention Project (VIP) is being implemented by the Miami-Dade Juvenile Services Department to increase public awareness and understanding of the youth violence problem in our community. VIP strives to make youth aware of the services and resources available to them to help build productive lives. VIP is reaching out to the public to educate about how real and wide spread youth violence is, and to motivate all young people to take a stand by increasing

awareness of the issue, encouraging activism to do something about it, and enhancing access to programs that offer alternatives to violence.

In accordance with Ordinance 14-65, this memorandum will be placed on the next available Board of County Commissioners meeting agenda.

If additional information is needed, please contact Gia Arbogast, Director, Miami-Dade Public Library System, at (305) 375-5026, or Jack Kardys, Director, Miami-Dade County Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces Department, at (305) 755-7903.

Attachment: Resolution No. R-1172-15

c: Michael Spring, Senior Advisor, Office of the Mayor
Russell Benford, Deputy Mayor, Office of the Mayor
Alina Hudak, Deputy Mayor, Office of the Mayor
Gia Arbogast, Director, Miami-Dade Public Library System
Jack Kardys, Director, Miami-Dade Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces
Lucia Davis Raiford, Director, Community Action & Human Services
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MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(16)

TO:	Honorable Chairman Jean Monestime and Members, Board of County Commissioners	**DATE:**	December 15, 2015
FROM:	Abigail Price-Williams County Attorney	**SUBJECT:**	Resolution urging the Florida Legislature to enact HB 475 or similar legislation that would prohibit the public disclosure of personal identifying information of a witness to a felony

Resolution No. R-1172-15

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Chairman Jean Monestime

Abigail Price-Williams
County Attorney

APW/cp

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(Revised)

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

DATE: December 15, 2015

FROM: Abigail Price-Williams
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Agenda Item No. 11(A)(16)

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

_____ Statement of social equity 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

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Approved _____ Mayor

Veto _____

Override _____

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(16)

12-15-15

RESOLUTION NO. R-1172-15

RESOLUTION URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO ENACT HB 475 OR SIMILAR LEGISLATION THAT WOULD PROHIBIT THE PUBLIC DISCLOSURE OF PERSONAL IDENTIFYING INFORMATION OF A WITNESS TO A FELONY

WHEREAS, it is vital to protect the identity of witnesses in order to help prevent witness intimidation and the chilling effect that occurs as a result of such intimidation; and

WHEREAS, in a study conducted by the United States Department of Justice, National Institute of Justice, witness intimidation was identified as a tactic that denies critical evidence to police investigators and prosecutors and undermines the confidence of the community in the government's ability to protect and represent the members of the community; and

WHEREAS, witness intimidation is most likely to occur between arrest and trial, according to the National Institute of Justice study; and

WHEREAS, the greater the possible penalty for a crime, the greater the desire a defendant may have to engage in witness intimidation, according to the National Gang Center; and

WHEREAS, House Bill 475 ("HB 475") has been filed for consideration during the 2016 session of the Florida Legislature by Representative Edwin Narain (D – Tampa); and

WHEREAS, HB 475 would exempt from public records requirements personal identifying information of a witness to a felony and would apply the exemption to that witness for a specified period of time; and

WHEREAS, this Board recognizes the importance of protecting witnesses and would like to urge the Florida Legislature to enact HB 475 or similar legislation that would prohibit the public disclosure of personal identifying information of an individual who witnesses a felony,

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

Section 1. Urges the Florida Legislature to enact HB 475 or similar legislation that would prohibit the public disclosure of personal identifying information of a witness to a felony.

Section 2. Directs the Clerk of this Board to send a certified copy of this resolution to the Governor, Senate President, House Speaker, Representative Edwin Narain, and the Chair and Members of the Miami-Dade State Legislative Delegation.

Section 3. Directs the County's state lobbyists to advocate for the legislative action set forth in Section 1 above, and authorizes and directs the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs to amend the 2016 State Legislative Package to include this item.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Chairman Jean Monestime. It was offered by Commissioner **Esteban L. Bovo, Jr.** , who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **José "Pepe" Diaz** and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

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

Bruno A. Barreiro	**aye**	Daniella Levine Cava	**aye**
Jose "Pepe" Diaz	**aye**	Audrey M. Edmonson	**absent**
Sally A. Heyman	**absent**	Barbara J. Jordan	**aye**
Dennis C. Moss	**absent**	Rebeca Sosa	**absent**
Sen. Javier D. Souto	**aye**	Xavier L. Suarez	**aye**
Juan C. Zapata	**absent**		

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The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 15th day of December, 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: Christopher Agrippa
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency. APP

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