MEMORANDUM

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Agenda Item No. 2(B)

TO:	Honorable Chairman Jean Monestime and Members, Board of County Commissioners	**DATE:**	May 10, 2016
FROM:	Abigail Price-Williams County Attorney	**SUBJECT:**	Resolution supporting the Human Exploitation Rescue Operative Child-Rescue Corps ("HERO Corps"); directing the County Mayor, in coordination with the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs, to take steps to create a partnership with HERO Corps to help create employment opportunities for HERO Corps graduates in the law enforcement, government, public and private sectors in Miami-Dade County

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

Abigail Price-Williams
County Attorney

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MEMORANDUM

(Revised)

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

DATE: June 7, 2016

FROM: Abigail Price-Williams
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

_____ 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

Approved _____ Mayor
Veto _____
Override _____

Agenda Item No.
6-7-16

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE HUMAN EXPLOITATION RESCUE OPERATIVE CHILD-RESCUE CORPS ("HERO CORPS"); DIRECTING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE, IN COORDINATION WITH THE OFFICE OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS, TO TAKE STEPS TO CREATE A PARTNERSHIP WITH HERO CORPS TO HELP CREATE EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR HERO CORPS GRADUATES IN THE LAW ENFORCEMENT, GOVERNMENT, PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTORS IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY

WHEREAS, the Internet has facilitated an explosion of trafficking in video and images of child sexual abuse and exploitation, more generally referred to as child pornography; and

WHEREAS, to help find and stop child predators and also locate and rescue child victims, the Human Exploitation Rescue Operative Child-Rescue Corps ("HERO Corps") was created as a program to transition wounded, ill or injured U.S. military veterans (and transitioning service members) into new law enforcement careers as elite, highly trained counter-child-exploitation professionals; and

WHEREAS, the program was developed and is operated by the National Association to Protect Children (PROTECT), U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and the U.S. Special Operations Command (SOCOM), and is therefore a unique partnership of government, military and nonprofit supported and made possible by generous foundations, corporations and individuals in the private sector; and

WHEREAS, each HERO Corps class undergoes an 11-week intensive training course in computers and digital forensics, followed by a 10-month, unpaid law enforcement internship as a computer forensics analyst at a Homeland Security Investigations field office; and

WHEREAS, following their completion of the program, many HERO Corps graduates are hired in federal law enforcement, although employment is not guaranteed; and

WHEREAS, additionally, many state and local law enforcement agencies, as well as some other federal agencies, have expressed a strong desire to hire HERO Corps graduates as the demand for experienced specialists with digital forensic training in law enforcement continues to grow; and

WHEREAS, HERO Corps is an exemplary and effective program not only for combatting child sexual exploitation and rescuing children in danger, but also for helping wounded military veterans transition into non-combat yet highly specialized law enforcement careers; and

WHEREAS, this Board would like to express its support for HERO Corps and also direct the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee, in coordination with the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs, to take steps to create a partnership with HERO Corps to help create employment opportunities for HERO Corps graduates in the law enforcement, government, public and private sectors in Miami-Dade County,

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

Section 1. Approves and incorporates the foregoing recitals in this Resolution.

Section 2. Supports the HERO Corps and its mission to combat child sexual exploitation by transitioning wounded military veterans into elite, highly trained counter-child-exploitation professionals.

Section 3. Directs the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee, in coordination with the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs, to take steps to create a partnership with HERO Corps to help create employment opportunities for HERO Corps graduates in the law enforcement, government, public and private sectors in Miami-Dade County.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner 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:

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 7th day of June, 2016. 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. MJM

Michael J. Mastrucci