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Override \_\_\_\_\_

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(29)  
04-24-07

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CLERK OF THE BOARD  
OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA**

**RESOLUTION NO. R-455-07**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR HIS  
DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE INTERNATIONAL SISTER  
AIRPORTS AGREEMENT BETWEEN MIAMI  
INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AND V. C. BIRD  
INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT**

**WHEREAS**, on July 23, 1998, the Board approved Resolution No. R-965-98 creating the International Sister Airports Program ("Program"); and

**WHEREAS**, the primary goals of the Program are to establish bonds of friendships and cooperation through relationships with airports in other foreign cities, which promote economic growth, as well as international cooperation and understanding, and to maximize these relationships for the mutual growth and benefit of each sister airport; and

**WHEREAS**, the island nation of Antigua and Barbuda, West Indies is considered to be the leading airport hub in the eastern Caribbean, served by many major airlines from the U.S. and Europe and is the home-base and hub of Leeward Islands Air Transport (LIAT), the regional air carrier of the Caribbean region; and

**WHEREAS**, Miami International Airport ("MIA"), which is operated by the Miami-Dade Aviation Department, is the U.S. Gateway to the Caribbean and there is currently no direct air service between Miami and Antigua; and

**WHEREAS**, V.C. Bird International Airport which is located on the island nation of Antigua and Barbuda, West Indies, is under major remodeling and improvement programs; and

**WHEREAS**, Miami captures over 50% of all U.S. Caribbean Trade with an estimated amount of \$10 Billion dollars; and

**WHEREAS**, better business, trade, air cargo and community development supports the execution of this outreach effort; and

**WHEREAS**, thousands of Miami-Dade residents are of Caribbean origin; and

**WHEREAS**, the World Cricket Championship will be primarily held in Antigua and Barbuda in 2007 and there will be millions of tourists traveling via Miami to reach this island nation,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS** that this Board approves the attached International Sister Airports Agreement between Miami International Airport and V.C. Bird International Airport, and authorizes the Mayor or his designee to execute the agreement in substantially the form attached hereto and made a part hereof following approval by the County Attorney's Office.

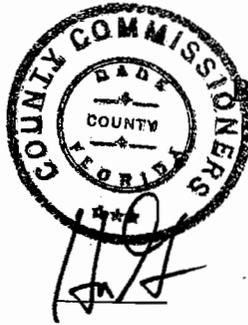
The foregoing resolution was sponsored by Commissioner Jose "Pepe" Diaz and offered by Commissioner Carlos A. Gimenez, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Dennis C. Moss and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

	Bruno A. Barreiro, Chairman	aye	
	Barbara J. Jordan, Vice-Chairwoman	aye	
Jose "Pepe" Diaz	aye	Audrey M. Edmonson	absent
Carlos A. Gimenez	aye	Sally A. Heyman	absent
Joe A. Martinez	aye	Dennis C. Moss	aye
Dorrin D. Rolle	aye	Natacha Seijas	absent
Katy Sorenson	aye	Rebeca Sosa	aye
Sen. Javier D. Souto	aye		

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 24<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2007. This resolution shall become effective ten (10) days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA  
BY ITS BOARD OF  
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

HARVEY RUVIN, CLERK



By: **KAY SULLIVAN**  
Deputy Clerk.

Approved by County Attorney as  
to form and legal sufficiency.

Henry N. Gillman

**International Sister Airports Agreement  
Between  
Miami International Airport  
and  
V. C. Bird International Airport**

On the \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_, 2007, in \_\_\_\_\_

**Gathered:**

**ON BEHALF OF MIAMI INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT:** The Honorable Carlos Alvarez, Mayor, Miami-Dade County; The Honorable Jose "Pepe" Diaz, Commissioner, Miami-Dade Board of County Commissioners.

**ON BEHALF OF V. C. BIRD INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT:** The Honorable Harold E. Lovell, M.P., Minister of Tourism & Civil Aviation, Antigua and Barbuda.

**IN ASSEMBLY,** for the purpose of signing a non-binding international sister airport protocol agreement between Miami International Airport and V. C. Bird International Airport, under the following terms:

**First.** This will officially link Miami International Airport and V. C. Bird International Airport.

**Second.** Both Miami International Airport, through its elected officials, the Mayor of Miami-Dade County and Miami-Dade County Commissioners and V. C. Bird International Airport, through its elected officials, may execute this International Sister Airports Agreement.

**Third.** Both Airports will commit to the exchange of information pertaining to the cargo and passenger industries in each Airport, historical statistical information pertaining to each airport; planned airport infrastructure developments, and general marketing research aimed at increasing passenger and cargo traffic at both airports.

**Fourth.** Both Airports will study the possibility of creating technical means, by way of other business arrangements, to promote the traffic and airport activities covered in this document.

**Fifth.** Both Airports will work towards the formation of technical working groups to exchange educational visits and act as goodwill ambassadors between airports.

**Sixth.** Both Airports through their normal marketing process will promote the relationship and advantages of doing business at the Sister Airport.

**Seventh.** Through the mutual consent of both Sister Airports, additional areas of cooperation and partnering may be agreed upon as part of this Sister Airports Agreement.

**Eight.** The parties consider of the utmost interest the creation of a working group, made up of a limited number of representatives from each party, for the express purpose of putting into practice the intentions of this Agreement.

This agreement will be in effect for an indefinite period of time, except in the event of termination by one of the parties, which will give 6 (six) months written notice to the other. It is compiled in two originals, each original to be kept in the Archives of Miami International Airport, Miami, FL, USA, and V. C. Bird International Airport Antigua, West Indies.

In conformity, signed in the city and on the date indicated.

**Signatories:**

**MEMORANDUM**

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**TO:** Honorable Chairman Bruno A. Barreiro  
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

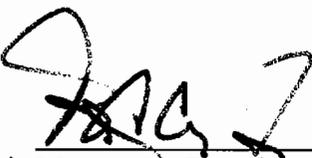
**DATE:** April 24, 2007

**FROM:** Murray A. Greenberg  
County Attorney

**SUBJECT:** Resolution to execute  
International Sister Airports  
Agreement between MIA  
and V.C. Bird International  
Airport

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The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Commissioner Jose "Pepe" Diaz.

  
MAG: Murray A. Greenberg  
County Attorney

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# MEMORANDUM

(Revised)

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and Members, Board of County Commissioners

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Please note any items checked.

\_\_\_\_\_ **"4-Day Rule" ("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**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Bid waiver requiring County Manager's written recommendation**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Manager's report for public hearing**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Housekeeping item (no policy decision required)**

\_\_\_\_\_ **No committee review**

**MIAMI INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT  
MIAMI, FLORIDA USA**

**V. C. BIRD INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT  
ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA, WEST INDIES.**

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The Honorable Carlos Alvarez

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The Honorable Harold E. Lovell, M.P.

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The Honorable Jose "Pepe" Diaz