Approved _____ Mayor

Veto _____

Override _____

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(49)

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MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

RESOLUTION NO. R-470-07

RESOLUTION URGING THE LEGISLATURE TO INCREASE FUNDING FOR FLORIDA'S VOLUNTARY PRE-KINDERGARTEN EDUCATION PROGRAM

WHEREAS, on November 5, 2002, the electors of Florida approved Amendment No. 8 to the Florida Constitution, which provided that "[e]very four-year old child in Florida shall be provided by the State a high quality pre-kindergarten learning opportunity in the form of an early childhood development and education program which shall be voluntary, high quality, free, and delivered according to professionally accepted standards"; and

WHEREAS, during a special session in December of 2004, the Florida Legislature passed Chapter 2004-484, Laws of Florida, which created a Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten Education Program ("VPK Program") that offered parents a three-hour per day school-year pre-kindergarten program or a full-day summer pre-kindergarten program delivered by either a public school or a private pre-kindergarten provider; and

WHEREAS, the VPK Program began in August of 2005 with over 4,300 VPK providers and participation by approximately half of the four-year-olds in Florida; and

WHEREAS, the VPK Program has made major accomplishments during its first few years of implementation; and

WHEREAS, despite its accomplishments, there is still much room for improvement and quality enhancements as the VPK Program moves forward; and

WHEREAS, increased funding by the Legislature could ensure the VPK Program is a high-quality system that provides the most qualified and credentialed teachers; and

WHEREAS, increased funding of the VPK Program also will assist families, communities, and our state in realizing the best outcomes for children,

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 increase funding for Florida's Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten Education Program.

Section 2. Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit certified copies of the resolution to the Governor, the Senate President, the House Speaker, and the chair and members of the Miami-Dade State Legislative Delegation.

Section 3. Directs the County's state lobbyists to advocate for the issues identified in Section 1 above, and directs the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs to include this item in the 2007 and 2008 State Legislative Packages.

The foregoing resolution was sponsored by Commissioner Rebeca Sosa, Commissioner Carlos A. Gimenez and Commissioner Joe A. Martinez 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 24th 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. JMM

Jess M. McCarty

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MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(49)

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

DATE: April 24, 2007

FROM: Murray A. Greenberg
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution urging the Legislature to increase funding for Florida's Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten Program

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Commissioner Rebeca Sosa, Commissioner Carlos A. Gimenez and Commissioner Joe A. Martinez.

Murray A. Greenberg
County Attorney

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MEMORANDUM

(Revised)

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

DATE: April 24, 2007

FROM: Murray A. Greenberg County Attorney

SUBJECT: Agenda Item No. 11(A)(49)

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**