

**MEMORANDUM**

Agenda Item No. 14(A)(3)

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

**DATE:** May 6, 2008

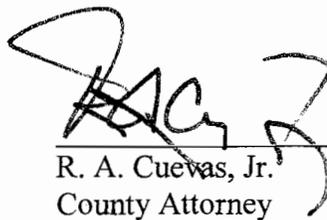
**FROM:** R. A. Cuevas, Jr.  
County Attorney

**SUBJECT:** Resolution expressing  
support for victims of hate  
crimes

**Resolution No. R-564-08**

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

  
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County Attorney

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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**

Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Mayor  
Veto \_\_\_\_\_  
Override \_\_\_\_\_

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5-6-08

**RESOLUTION NO. R-564-08**

**RESOLUTION EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE  
VICTIMS OF HATE CRIMES AND PLEDGING THE  
SUPPORT OF THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY POLICE  
DEPARTMENT TO HELP APPREHEND THOSE  
RESPONSIBLE FOR SUCH ACTS**

**WHEREAS**, the South Florida community has recently experienced heinous acts of violence directed at places of worship, including the desecration of a Jewish synagogue with swastikas and possible acts of arson against another Jewish synagogue; and

**WHEREAS**, such acts potentially violate the State's Hate Crimes law, Fla. Stat. § 775.085, which enhances penalties for crimes that evidence prejudice based on the race, color, ancestry, ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation, national origin, mental or physical disability, or advanced age of the victim; and

**WHEREAS**, criminal acts based on religious hatred, as well as criminal acts motivated by race, national origin and other protected categories, are intolerable in this community and contrary to the longstanding policies of this Board; and

**WHEREAS**, the Miami-Dade County Police Department is one of the law enforcement agencies in the State charged with responsibility for enforcing State criminal laws, including the Hate Crimes law; and

**WHEREAS**, this Board wishes to express its support for the victims of recent religious hate crimes and victims of other hate crimes,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA**, that this Board hereby expresses its sympathy and support for the victims of hate crimes and directs the Miami-Dade

Police Department to continue to make every reasonable effort to apprehend the perpetrators of such crimes, in coordination with all other local, state and federal law enforcement agencies.

The foregoing resolution was sponsored by Commissioner Rebeca Sosa and offered by Commissioner **Barbara J. Jordan**, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **Natacha Seijas** and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

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

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 6<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2008. 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.

Lee Kraftchick