



**MEMORANDUM**

Agenda Item No. 14(A)(1)

**TO:** Honorable Chairman Dennis C. Moss  
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

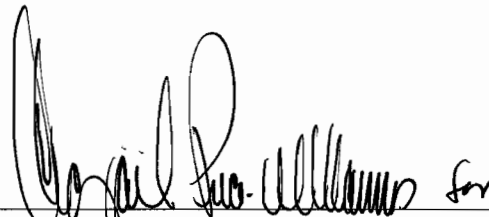
**DATE:** June 30, 2009

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

**SUBJECT:** Resolution promoting Americans  
with Disabilities Act ("ADA")  
awareness

**Resolution No. R-902-09**

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor 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 Mayor'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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6-30-09

RESOLUTION NO. R-902-09

RESOLUTION PROMOTING AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT ("ADA") AWARENESS; ENDORSING STRICTER REQUIREMENTS FOR RENEWAL OF ADA PARKING PERMITS, AND SUPPORTING ENHANCED ENFORCEMENT AND MONITORING OF DISABILITY ACCESS PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION; DECLARING THE THIRD WEEK OF JULY ADA AWARENESS WEEK

**WHEREAS**, the rights of persons with disabilities to participate in the full range of activities enjoyed by other citizens is a priority for the Miami-Dade County; and

**WHEREAS**, as a County and as a nation, we must maintain vigilance in upgrading and enforcing programs designed to eliminate barriers and enhance mobility for citizens with disabilities; and

**WHEREAS**, in order to prevent abuse and ensure that accessible parking areas are available for those who need them, the state has tightened criteria for the renewal of ADA parking permits; and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with Section 30-447 of the Code of Miami-Dade County, Florida, the Miami-Dade County Office of ADA Coordination administers the County Parking Fines Reimbursement Program; and

**WHEREAS**, parking fine money generated from the issuance of citations for the misuse of marked spaces for people with disabilities is collected then distributed to the County and the municipalities pursuant to the established formula; and

**WHEREAS**, the monies distributed to both the County and municipalities must be used to improve accessibility and equal opportunity to qualified persons who have disabilities and to conduct disability public awareness programs,

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

**Section 1.** The foregoing recitals are true and correct.

**Section 2.** The Board of County Commissioners hereby endorses the enhanced statutory criteria for the issuance and renewal of ADA parking permits pursuant to Section 320.0848, Florida Statutes.

**Section 3.** The Board of County Commissioners hereby urges all governmental entities with the responsibility to implement and enforce accessible parking programs to strictly adhere to all program guidelines and requirements.

**Section 4.** The Board of County Commissioners hereby declares the third week of July, 2009, as the first annual ADA Awareness Week, and urges the Miami-Dade County League of Cities, as well as all other local municipal and county governments to join forces with our County in promoting this effort to educate and sensitize our citizenry.

**Section 5.** The Clerk of the Board is hereby directed to send a copy of this Resolution to the Miami-Dade County League of Cities, Inc. and all municipalities in Miami-Dade County.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Rebeca Sosa. It was offered by Commissioner **Sally A. Heyman**, 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:

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

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 30<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2009. 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: **DIANE COLLINS**  
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as  
to form and legal sufficiency.

*APW for*

William X. Candela

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