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OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

MEMORANDUM Agenda Item No. 11(A)(14)

TO: Honorable Chairman Joe A. Martinez and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: March 1, 2011

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

SUBJECT: Resolution supporting SB 522 or similar legislation allowing bingo to be played at pari-mutuel facilities and urging the Florida Legislature to pass such legislation

Resolution Number: R-172-11

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.

_____ **"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**

_____ **Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Manager'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 _____

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RESOLUTION NO. R-172-11

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING SB 522; HB 299 OR SIMILAR LEGISLATION ALLOWING BINGO TO BE PLAYED AT PARI-MUTUEL FACILITIES; URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO PASS SUCH LEGISLATION

WHEREAS, bills have been filed for consideration during the 2011 session that would authorize bingo to be played at existing facilities designated as cardrooms, SB 522 by Senator Miguel Diaz de la Portilla (R – Miami) and HB 299 by Representative Erik Fresen (R – Miami); and

WHEREAS, these bills would allow bingo to be played at the four existing pari-mutuel facilities in Miami-Dade County, with 80 percent of all proceeds from bingo games during the year to be returned to the players in the form of prizes and cash awards; and

WHEREAS, the addition of bingo games would create an estimated 100 jobs at each pari-mutuel facility, and there has never been a time when our community needs jobs more than now; and

WHEREAS, allowing bingo would not be an expansion of gambling, but simply would authorize existing pari-mutuels to offer an additional game; and

WHEREAS, this Board desires to express its support for SB 522 and HB 299 and urges the Florida Legislature to pass such legislation,

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

Section 1. Supports SB 522; HB 299 or similar legislation allowing for bingo games at pari-mutuel facilities.

Section 2. Urges the Florida Legislature to pass SB 522; HB 299 or similar legislation.

Section 3. Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit certified copies of this resolution to the Governor, Senate President, House Speaker, Senator Miguel Diaz de la Portilla, Representative Erik Fresen, the Chair and remaining Members of the Miami-Dade State Legislative Delegation and the Secretary of the Florida Department of Business & Professional Regulation.

Section 4. Directs the County's state lobbyists to advocate for the issue identified in sections 1 and 2 above, and authorizes and directs the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs to include this item in the 2011 state legislative package.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Rebeca Sosa. It was offered by Commissioner **Joe A. Martinez**, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **José "Pepe" Diaz** and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Joe A. Martinez, Chairman **aye**
Audrey M. Edmonson, Vice Chairwoman **aye**

Bruno A. Barreiro	**aye**	Lynda Bell	**aye**
Jose "Pepe" Diaz	**aye**	Carlos A. Gimenez	**aye**
Sally A. Heyman	**aye**	Barbara J. Jordan	**aye**
Jean Monestime	**aye**	Dennis C. Moss	**aye**
Natacha Seijas	**absent**	Rebeca Sosa	**aye**
Sen. Javier D. Souto	**aye**		

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 1st day of March, 2011. 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. Rte for JMM

Jess M. McCarty