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OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(34)

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

DATE: September 1, 2011

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

SUBJECT: Resolution urging all municipalities in Miami-Dade County to adopt a zero tolerance policy related to graffiti

Resolution No. R-718-11

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Senator Javier D. Souto.

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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 URGING ALL MUNICIPALITIES IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY TO ADOPT A ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY RELATED TO GRAFFITI

WHEREAS, with the declining economy, rising unemployment and reductions in municipal maintenance funds we are experiencing a proliferation of graffiti vandalism throughout Miami Dade County; and

WHEREAS, some cities have allowed graffiti to remain on walls and buildings near major transit corridors and County facilities; and

WHEREAS, the County's main economic engine is the tourism industry; and

WHEREAS, the image that graffiti vandalism displays to out of town tourists and visitors is one of lawlessness, crime and violent gangs; and

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County has always prided itself on its image as a clean, manicured, inviting destination for tourists and visitors; and

WHEREAS, the County has created the Community Image Advisory Board to improve the image of the County along major corridors and tourism destinations; and

WHEREAS, the volume of graffiti currently throughout the County reflects poorly on cities and the county alike; and

WHEREAS, the ubiquitous presence of graffiti also reflects poorly on residents, taxpayers and businesses of Miami-Dade County, especially when major conferences, conventions and events bring visitors from all over the world and throughout the U.S. to our community; and

WHEREAS, the County and municipalities within the County all need to work to eliminate graffiti,

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

Section 1. Strongly urges all municipalities in Miami-Dade County to adopt a zero tolerance policy with regards to graffiti.

Section 2. Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit certified copies of this resolution to the Mayor or Council Chair of each municipality in Miami-Dade County and to the Executive Director of the Miami-Dade County League of Cities.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Sen. Javier D. Souto. It was offered by Commissioner **Jose "Pepe" Diaz**, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **Audrey Edmonson** 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	**absent**	Lynda Bell	**aye**
Esteban L. Bovo, Jr.	**aye**	Jose "Pepe" Diaz	**aye**
Sally A. Heyman	**aye**	Barbara J. Jordan	**aye**
Jean Monestime	**aye**	Dennis C. Moss	**aye**
Rebeca Sosa	**aye**	Sen. Javier D. Souto	**absent**
Xavier L. Suarez	**absent**		

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 1st day of September, 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: Christopher Agrippa
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.

Jess M. McCarty