



MEMORANDUM

Amended  
Agenda Item No. 11(A)(4)

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

**DATE:** October 4, 2011


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

**SUBJECT:** Resolution directing the Mayor  
to draft and implement a plan to  
train the personnel at the airport  
and seaport to identify and  
respond to children in transit  
who are being sexually exploited

Resolution No. R-873-11

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The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Jose "Pepe" Diaz, and Co-Sponsors Commissioner Esteban L. Bovo, Jr., Vice Chairwoman Audrey M. Edmonson and Commissioner Barbara J. Jordan.

  
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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 DIRECTING THE MAYOR OR MAYOR'S  
DESIGNEE TO DRAFT AND IMPLEMENT A PLAN TO TRAIN  
THE PERSONNEL AT THE AIRPORT AND SEAPORT TO  
IDENTIFY AND RESPOND TO CHILDREN IN TRANSIT WHO  
ARE BEING SEXUALLY EXPLOITED

**WHEREAS**, commercial sexual exploitation of children often occurs during major sporting and recreational events, conventions, and major cultural events to which the children are often temporarily transported to be bought and sold for prostitution, escort and massage services, private dancing, drinking and photographic clubs at illicit markets that arise around such events; and

**WHEREAS**, officials with the Federal Bureau of Investigation have identified South Florida as among the top 13 hubs of child prostitution; and

**WHEREAS**, it is estimated that about 293,000 youth in the United States are currently at risk of becoming victims of commercial sexual exploitation; and

**WHEREAS**, the majority of victims of commercial sexual exploitation are runaway youths who come from homes where they have been abused or abandoned and become involved in prostitution as a means of financial support, while other youths are forced into prostitution through abduction, pressure from adults or through deceptive agreements between parents and traffickers; and

**WHEREAS**, the average age at which youths first become involved in prostitution is 12-14 for girls and 11-13 for boys; and

**WHEREAS**, this Board would like a plan drafted and implemented to address this crisis and specifically to make it more difficult for human traffickers to use the Miami International Airport and Seaport; and

**WHEREAS**, in developing the plan requested in this resolution, the Mayor or his designee should work with all agencies that are involved in this area such as the Miami-Dade State Attorney's Office, Kristi House, the Department of Children and Families and state and local law enforcement agencies to assist in the development and implementation of specialized training to recognize and recover the child-victims of human trafficking,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA**, that the Mayor or Mayor's designee is directed to:

**Section 1.** Draft and implement a plan to train the personnel at the Miami-Dade County airport and seaport to identify and respond to children in transit who are being sexually exploited. In addition, the plan will provide ways for Miami-Dade County to partner with the airlines and the cruise lines to facilitate the training of their personnel as well.

**Section 2.** Explore the feasibility of using television screens at the airport and seaport to broadcast Public Service Announcements to encourage children who are the victims of sexual exploitation to seek help and refuge.

**Section 3.** Provide a report to the Public Safety and Health Care Administration Committee no later than ninety (90) days from the effective date of this Resolution.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Jose "Pepe" Diaz, and the Co-Sponsors are Commissioner Esteban L. Bovo, Jr., Vice Chairwoman Audrey M. Edmonson and Commissioner Barbara J. Jordan. 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	<b>absent</b>
	Audrey M. Edmonson, Vice Chairwoman	<b>aye</b>
Bruno A. Barreiro	<b>absent</b>	Lynda Bell <b>aye</b>
Esteban L. Bovo, Jr.	<b>aye</b>	Jose "Pepe" Diaz <b>aye</b>
Sally A. Heyman	<b>aye</b>	Barbara J. Jordan <b>aye</b>
Jean Monestime	<b>aye</b>	Dennis C. Moss <b>aye</b>
Rebeca Sosa	<b>absent</b>	Sen. Javier D. Souto <b>aye</b>
Xavier L. Suarez	<b>absent</b>	

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 4<sup>th</sup> day of October, 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.

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