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OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 8(I)(1)

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

DATE: September 4, 2012

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

SUBJECT: Resolution authorizing the Mayor to apply for renewal of the Certificate of Authorization from the Federal Aviation Administration for Miami-Dade County's use of unmanned aircraft systems

Resolution No. 689-12

The accompanying resolution was prepared by the Miami-Dade Police Department and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Jose "Pepe" Diaz.

R. A. Cuevas, Jr.
County Attorney

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MIAMI-DADE COUNTY

DATE: September 4, 2012

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

FROM: Carlos A. Gimenez
Mayor

SUBJECT: Resolution To Apply For Renewal of The Federal Aviation Administration's Certificate of Authorization

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Recommendation
It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners approve the attached Resolution, authorizing the County Mayor or the County Mayor's Designee, to apply for renewal of the Federal Aviation Administration's Certificate of Authorization, permitting Miami-Dade County, by and through the Miami-Dade Police Department, to use an unmanned aircraft system throughout Miami-Dade County.

Scope
The Miami-Dade Police Department's unmanned aircraft system serves as support to Miami-Dade Police Department operations, throughout Miami-Dade County.

Fiscal Impact/Funding Source
Miami-Dade County will not incur any additional costs.

Track Record/Monitor
The Federal Aviation Administration requires political subdivisions, which operate unmanned aircraft systems, to periodically apply for and subsequently renew existing Certificates of Authorization, granting authority to operate in airspace throughout Miami-Dade County. This Certificate of Authorization will be monitored by Acting Major Thomas Hanlon, Special Patrol Bureau, Miami-Dade Police Department.

Background
As a result of a successful grant application to the United States Department of Justice, Miami-Dade County, by and through the Miami-Dade Police Department, obtained and has operated an unmanned aircraft system. The unmanned aircraft system is operated by the Miami-Dade Police Department, for authorized law enforcement purposes. One of the current Certificates of Authorization from the Federal Aviation Administration is due to expire on July 1, 2012 and requires annual renewal.

Genaro "Chip" Iglesias
Office of the Mayor

MEMORANDUM
(Revised)

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

DATE: September 4, 2012

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

SUBJECT: Agenda Item No.8(I)(1)

Resolution No. R-689-12

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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9-4-12

RESOLUTION NO. R-689-12

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR THE COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO APPLY FOR RENEWAL OF THE CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORIZATION FROM THE FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION FOR MIAMI-DADE COUNTY'S USE OF UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEMS

WHEREAS, the Aviation Unit of the Miami-Dade Police Department operates an unmanned aircraft system; and

WHEREAS, the unmanned aircraft system is a "public aircraft" within the meaning of 49 U.S.C. § 40102(a)(41)(C); and

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County is responsible for operating the unmanned aircraft system; and

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County does not operate the unmanned aircraft system for commercial purposes and receives no compensation for its use, within the meaning of 49 U.S.C. § 40125; and

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County is a political subdivision of the State of Florida pursuant to the Constitution and Statutes of the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Aviation Administration is requiring renewal of the Certificate of Authorization permitting Miami-Dade County's use of the unmanned aircraft system,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that the County Mayor or the County Mayor's designee is authorized to apply for renewal of the Federal Aviation Administration's Certificate of Authorization permitting Miami-Dade County, by and through the Miami-Dade Police Department, to use an unmanned aircraft system throughout Miami-Dade County.

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

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 6 day of September, 2012. 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.

Ben Simon