

## MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(17)

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

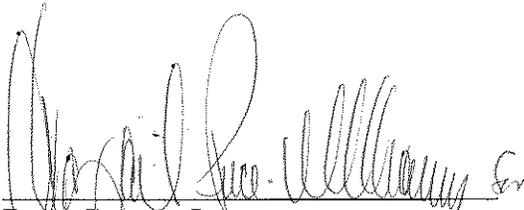
**DATE:** November 8, 2012

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

**SUBJECT:** Resolution directing the County  
Mayor to study the vote  
by mail security procedures  
implemented by the State of  
Oregon and provide a report to  
the Board  
Resolution No. R-945-12

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The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Jean Monestime.



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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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11-8-12

RESOLUTION NO. R-945-12

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO STUDY THE VOTE BY MAIL SECURITY PROCEDURES IMPLEMENTED BY THE STATE OF OREGON AND PROVIDE A REPORT TO THE BOARD

**WHEREAS**, Miami-Dade County recently has experienced examples of alleged absentee ballot fraud; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1998, after a series of experiments, the citizens of the state of Oregon approved vote by mail in a statewide initiative; and

**WHEREAS**, Oregon has been conducting elections utilizing vote by mail for over a decade; and

**WHEREAS**, Oregon has implemented additional security procedures to combat elections fraud and provide ballot integrity and has unique experience in conducting elections by mail; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board desires to identify any security measure used by Oregon that can be used to combat absentee ballot fraud in Miami-Dade County and the State of Florida,

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

**Section 1.** The County Mayor or County Mayor's designee is hereby directed to study the Oregon vote by mail system including all security measures Oregon uses to prevent voter fraud and promote ballot integrity. In conducting this study, the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee shall contact representatives from the Oregon Secretary of State's Office and Oregon Supervisors of Elections to review any policies, procedures or rules they utilize to

prevent fraud and promote ballot integrity and seek recommendations that may be implemented by Miami-Dade County or the State of Florida.

**Section 2.** The County Mayor or County Mayor's designee is further directed to report to the Board within ninety (90) days of the adoption of this Resolution the results of the study and to recommend any changes that may be accomplished by the County or the State that will bolster the County's absentee ballot fraud prevention and promote ballot integrity. Such report shall also include, but shall not be limited to, all anticipated costs associated with implementing any recommendations.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Jean Monestime. It was offered by Commissioner **Rebeca Sosa**, who moved its adoption.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner **Lynda Bell** and upon being

put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

	Joe A. Martinez, Chairman	<b>aye</b>
	Audrey M. Edmonson, Vice Chairwoman	<b>absent</b>
Bruno A. Barreiro	<b>aye</b>	Lynda Bell
Esteban L. Bovo, Jr.	<b>aye</b>	Jose "Pepe" Diaz
Sally A. Heyman	<b>aye</b>	Barbara J. Jordan
Jean Monestime	<b>aye</b>	Dennis C. Moss
Rebeca Sosa	<b>aye</b>	Sen. Javier D. Souto
Xavier L. Suarez	<b>aye</b>	

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 8<sup>th</sup> day of November, 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

**Christopher Agrippa**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as  
to form and legal sufficiency.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "OR", written over a horizontal line.

Oren Rosenthal