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OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

# MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(6)

**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 enter into an agreement with the Armed Forces Service Center for the continued operation of the military hospitality lounge at Miami International Airport
Resolution No. R-934-12

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Jose "Pepe" Diaz.

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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**

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Approved _____ Mayor
Veto _____
Override _____

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RESOLUTION NO. R-934-12

RESOLUTION DIRECTING COUNTY MAYOR OR MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE ARMED FORCES SERVICE CENTER FOR THE CONTINUED OPERATION OF THE MILITARY HOSPITALITY LOUNGE AT MIAMI INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

**WHEREAS**, more than 1,200 military travelers and their families pass through Miami International Airport ("MIA") each month; and

**WHEREAS**, the Armed Forces Service Center ("AFSC"), a recognized Section 501C charity, opened the Military Hospitality Lounge at MIA to replace the USO lounge that was closed due to budget cuts in 1998; and

**WHEREAS**, through the operation and efforts of the AFSC, the Military Hospitality Lounge makes travel through the airport more comfortable and less stressful for military travelers and provides a range of services free of charge, including snacks, soft drinks, telephone and internet access, printer and fax services, and emergency overnight accommodations; and

**WHEREAS**, the Military Hospitality Lounge is opened and staffed 365 days a year by an all-volunteer corps of hosts and hostesses and is funded entirely by community, corporate and individual sponsors and donors; and

**WHEREAS**, the facilities utilized at MIA for the Military Hospitality Lounge were previously leased to AFSC with no rental fees or charges, which is inconsistent with Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) requirements; and

**WHEREAS,** in order for the County to continue providing these invaluable services to military travelers, the County can provide the services itself by having AFSC operate the Military Hospitality Lounge at MIA,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,** that the Board requests the County Mayor or Mayor's designee enter into an agreement with the Armed Forces Service Center to operate the military lounge at MIA.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Jose "Pepe" Diaz. 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:

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

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 8th 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

By: *Christopher Agrippa*
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney
to form and legal sufficiency CAL

Cynji A. Lee