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MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(8)

TO: Honorable Chairwoman Rebeca Sosa
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: July 2, 2013

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

SUBJECT: Resolution directing the mayor to create a web page directly accessible from the County's homepage that contains an online glossary of legislative terms

Resolution No. R-595-13

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor 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 Mayor'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 CREATE A WEB PAGE DIRECTLY ACCESSIBLE FROM THE COUNTY'S HOMEPAGE THAT CONTAINS AN ONLINE GLOSSARY OF LEGISLATIVE TERMS

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County government, like all democratic government, is strengthened by civic participation and increased involvement from its citizens; and

WHEREAS, making the governmental process more accessible and comprehensible to citizens encourages greater civic participation and involvement in government; and

WHEREAS, helping citizens to become more familiar with the terms and definitions used within the legislative process is an important way to increase the accessibility and comprehensibility of government; and

WHEREAS, the Miami-Dade County website currently provides numerous web pages designed to help bring Miami-Dade County government closer to its citizens, including Webcasting, the Legislative Search feature, and detailed web pages for each District and respective Commissioner in Miami-Dade County; and

WHEREAS, the Miami-Dade County website, however, does not include an online glossary of legislative terms; and

WHEREAS, there should be a single web page, directly accessible from the County's homepage (http://www.miamidade.gov), that contains an online glossary of legislative terms; and

WHEREAS, this online legislative glossary should be modeled after the legislative glossaries currently accessible from the websites of the Florida Senate and the Florida House of Representatives; and

WHEREAS, this online legislative glossary would help familiarize Miami-Dade County residents with many of the terms and definitions used within the legislative process, thereby making Miami-Dade County government more accessible and comprehensible to its citizens and promoting greater civic participation in our government,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that this Board directs the Mayor or Mayor's designee to create a web page directly accessible from the county's homepage that contains an online glossary of legislative terms.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Barbara J. Jordan. It was offered by Commissioner **Dennis C. Moss**, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **Xavier L. Suarez** and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

County Attorney

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

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 2nd day of July, 2013. 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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Michael J. Mastrucci