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OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(18)

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

DATE: September 17, 2013

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

SUBJECT: Resolution requesting County's Military Affairs Board to consider organizing a patriotic mission to Normandy, France in 2014 to commemorate the upcoming 70th Anniversary of D-Day on June 6, 2014; requesting the Military Affairs Board to consider travel options that include promotion of cities and ports with whom the County has sister city and/or port agreements; and requesting such Board report back the results of its organizational efforts within sixty (60) days

Resolution No. R-769-13

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Senator Javier D. Souto.

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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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9-17-13

RESOLUTION NO. R-769-13

RESOLUTION REQUESTING COUNTY'S MILITARY AFFAIRS BOARD TO CONSIDER ORGANIZING A PATRIOTIC MISSION TO NORMANDY, FRANCE IN 2014 TO COMMEMORATE THE UPCOMING 70TH ANNIVERSARY OF D-DAY ON JUNE 6, 2014; REQUESTING THE MILITARY AFFAIRS BOARD TO CONSIDER TRAVEL OPTIONS THAT INCLUDE PROMOTION OF CITIES AND PORTS WITH WHOM THE COUNTY HAS SISTER CITY AND/OR PORT AGREEMENTS; AND REQUESTING SUCH BOARD REPORT BACK THE RESULTS OF ITS ORGANIZATIONAL EFFORTS WITHIN SIXTY (60) DAYS

WHEREAS, June 6, 2014, is the 70th anniversary of the Allies' invasion of Normandy, France on June 6, 1944, more commonly known as "D-Day"; and

WHEREAS, D-Day was the largest amphibious invasion in the history of modern warfare, which marked the beginning of the liberation of Western Europe from Nazi occupation during World War II; and

WHEREAS, to commemorate D-Day's 70th Anniversary, numerous events, tributes, and programs are being planned in Normandy, France; and

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County is home to thousands of veterans who may be interested in commemorating the 70th anniversary of D-Day by participating in a patriotic mission to Normandy, France in June of 2014; and

WHEREAS, organization and promotion of such patriotic mission will not only honor the memory and achievements of veterans from all branches of our armed forces and from those of our allies, but will also economically benefit Miami International Airport (MIA), MIA tenants

and air carriers, and potentially cities and ports with whom the County has sister city and/or port agreements,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that the Miami-Dade County Military Affairs Board is hereby requested to:

Section 1. Consider organization and/or promotion of a patriotic mission to Normandy, France in June of 2014 to commemorate the 70th anniversary of D-Day;

Section 2. In connection therewith, consider travel options that promote cities and ports with whom the County has sister city and/or port agreements; and

Section 3. Report back to this Board, without committee review, the results of the Military Affairs Board's efforts in connection with Sections 1 and 2 above within sixty (60) days of the effective date of this resolution.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Senator Javier D. Souto. It was offered by Commissioner **Audrey Edmonson**, 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:

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

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 17th day of September, 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. SBB

Steven B. Bass