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OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 14(A)(5)

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

DATE: January 22, 2014

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

SUBJECT: Resolution supporting efforts to promote responsible firearm sales, purchases and ownership through participation in a public and private coalition to consider safeguards for responsible sales and purchases of firearms and ammunition; directing the Mayor to participate in the coalition
Resolution No. R-83-14

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Sally A. Heyman and Co-Sponsor Commissioner Audrey M. Edmonson.

for

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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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1-22-14

RESOLUTION NO. R-83-14

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING EFFORTS TO PROMOTE RESPONSIBLE FIREARM SALES, PURCHASES AND OWNERSHIP THROUGH PARTICIPATION IN A PUBLIC AND PRIVATE COALITION TO CONSIDER SAFEGUARDS FOR RESPONSIBLE SALES AND PURCHASES OF FIREARMS AND AMMUNITION; DIRECTING THE MAYOR OR MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE COALITION

WHEREAS, the National Gun Victims Action Council has reported that on the average day in the United States guns are used to kill more than 80 people, injure almost 300 more, and commit approximately 3,000 crimes; and

WHEREAS, the National Gun Victims Action Council has reported that the vast majority of the approximately 12,000 annual gun murders and 66,000 non-fatal shootings are committed by people who have no legal right to a gun; and

WHEREAS, Mayors Against Illegal Guns is a national, bipartisan coalition of more than 1,000 mayors from big cities and small towns from across 46 States who represent more than 58 million Americans that are determined to fight crime by stopping criminals from getting firearms, while at the same time respecting the Second Amendment and protecting the rights of law-abiding citizens to own firearms; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Carlos A. Gimenez recently announced that he had joined Mayors Against Illegal Guns; and

WHEREAS, this Board recognizes the voluntary efforts of responsible firearms manufacturers, distributors, retailers and owners which contribute to the reduction of gun

violence and crimes in our communities, and supports the creation of a coalition to consider safeguards for responsible sales and purchases of firearms and ammunition,

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

Section 1. Supports the efforts of responsible firearms manufacturers, distributors, retailers and owners to reduce gun violence and crimes through responsible sales and purchases of firearms.

Section 2. Directs the Mayor or designee to participate in a coalition in support of this initiative to promote responsible sales and purchases of firearms.

Section 3. Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to President Barack Obama, the member of the Florida Congressional Delegation, the Mayor and Members of the Broward County Board of County Commissioners, the Mayor and Members of the Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners, the Co-Chairs of Mayors Against Illegal Guns, the Mayor or Presiding Officers of each municipality within Miami-Dade County, the President and Executive Director of the Florida Association of Counties and the President and Executive Director Florida League of Cities.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Sally A. Heyman and the Co-Sponsor is Commissioner Audrey M. Edmonson. It was offered by Commissioner **Dennis C. Moss**, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **Lynda Bell** and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

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

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 22nd day of January, 2014. 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.

Christopher A. Angell