

## MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(20)

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

**DATE:** February 4, 2014

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

**SUBJECT:** Resolution opposing a Proposed  
Committee Bill by the House  
Economic Development and  
Tourism Subcommittee, PCB  
EDTS 14-02 or similar  
legislation, that would remove  
the requirement that each local  
emergency management agency  
maintain a registry of persons  
with special needs within their  
jurisdiction and require a  
statewide registry

Resolution No. R-149-14

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Chairwoman Rebeca Sosa.



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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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2-4-14

RESOLUTION NO. R-149-14

RESOLUTION OPPOSING A PROPOSED COMMITTEE BILL BY THE HOUSE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM SUBCOMMITTEE, PCB EDTS 14-02 OR SIMILAR LEGISLATION, THAT WOULD REMOVE THE REQUIREMENT THAT EACH LOCAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY MAINTAIN A REGISTRY OF PERSONS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS WITHIN THEIR JURISDICTION AND REQUIRE A STATEWIDE REGISTRY

**WHEREAS**, each of the 67 counties in Florida currently are required to maintain a Special Needs Registry in order meet the special needs of persons who, because of physical, mental, cognitive impairment, or sensory disabilities, would require assistance during evacuations and sheltering; and

**WHEREAS**, since 1980, counties have been required to maintain Special Needs Registries under state law; and

**WHEREAS**, a Proposed Committee Bill by the House Economic Development and Tourism Subcommittee, PCB EDTS 14-02, would require that the Florida Division of Emergency Management maintain a registry of persons with special needs located in Florida and remove the requirement that each local emergency management agency maintain such registry; and

**WHEREAS**, the counties and their local partners, not the Florida Department of Emergency Management, are directly responsible for the transportation of persons with special needs and the operation of shelters in emergency situations; and

**WHEREAS**, over 2,000 Miami-Dade County residents are registered on Miami-Dade County's Special Needs Registry; and

**WHEREAS**, Miami-Dade County's registry system links special transportation providers and area hospitals that deliver critical resources during emergency situations; and

**WHEREAS**, the Miami-Dade County Office of Emergency Management has the ability to access its Special Needs Registry even in the event that a disaster causes power loss throughout the County; and

**WHEREAS**, a single statewide one-size-fits-all Special Needs Registry may be less effective at serving the unique characteristics and capabilities of individual counties,

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

**Section 1.** Opposes a Proposed Committee Bill by the House Economic Development and Tourism Subcommittee, PCB EDTS 14-02 or similar legislation, that would remove the requirement that each local emergency management agency maintain a registry of persons with special needs within their jurisdiction and require a statewide registry.

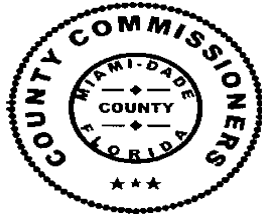
**Section 2.** Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the Governor, Senate President, House Speaker, the Chair and Members of the Miami-Dade State Legislative Delegation, and the Director of the Florida Division of Emergency Management.

**Section 3.** Directs the County's state lobbyists to advocate against the passage of the legislation as set forth in Section 1 above, and authorizes and directs the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs to include this item in the 2014 State Legislative Package.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Chairwoman Rebeca Sosa. It was offered by Commissioner **Sally A. Heyman**, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **José "Pepe" Diaz** and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

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

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 4<sup>th</sup> day of February, 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.

MP

Matthew Papkin