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OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(17)

TO: Honorable Chairman Jean Monestime and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: January 21, 2015

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

SUBJECT: Resolution designating County parks and libraries as crime-free and drug-free zones, directing the County Mayor to increase Miami-Dade County Police presence and patrols around County parks and libraries
Resolution No. R-50-14

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

R. A. Cuevas, Jr.
County Attorney

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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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1-21-15

RESOLUTION NO. R-50-14

RESOLUTION DESIGNATING COUNTY PARKS AND LIBRARIES AS CRIME-FREE AND DRUG-FREE ZONES, DIRECTING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO INCREASE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY POLICE PRESENCE AND PATROLS AROUND COUNTY PARKS AND LIBRARIES, AND URGING MUNICIPALITIES WITH COUNTY PARKS OR LIBRARIES WITHIN THEIR BOUNDARIES TO INCREASE POLICE PRESENCE AND PATROLS AROUND COUNTY PARKS AND LIBRARIES

WHEREAS, County parks and libraries are intended to be safe havens for children, the elderly, families and all County residents alike; and

WHEREAS, people visit County parks and libraries seeking wholesome and secure recreational, educational, meeting, and entertaining activities and spaces; and

WHEREAS, yet, illegal activities such as drug sales, theft, assault, batteries and other violent crimes continue to occur at our County parks and libraries putting in peril these community safe havens and those who visit them; and

WHEREAS, this Board has zero tolerance for drugs or crimes in our parks and libraries and desires to see increased police presence and patrolling at these County facilities in order to provide visitors with increased security and sense of safety, to deter drugs and crime at these County facilities and, to the extent that there is any crime occurring or drugs present at these County facilities, to quickly respond to such activities and apprehend the perpetrators,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that this Board hereby designates County parks and libraries as crime-free and drug-free zones. This Board further directs the County Mayor or Mayor's designee to increase Miami-Dade County Police presence and patrols around County parks and libraries and urges municipalities with County parks and

libraries within their municipal boundaries to increase police presence and patrols around those County parks and libraries, all in an effort to provide visitors with increased security and to decrease and ultimately eliminate crime and drugs in parks and libraries.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Senator Javier D. Souto. It was offered by Commissioner **Esteban L. Bovo, Jr.**, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **Rebeca Sosa** and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Jean Monestime, Chairman			**aye**
Esteban L. Bovo, Jr., Vice Chairman			**aye**
Bruno A. Barreiro	**aye**	Daniella Levine Cava	**aye**
Jose "Pepe" Diaz	**aye**	Audrey M. Edmonson	**absent**
Sally A. Heyman	**absent**	Barbara J. Jordan	**aye**
Dennis C. Moss	**aye**	Rebeca Sosa	**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 21st day of January, 2015. 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.

Monica Rizo