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OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(9)

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

DATE: December 2, 2014

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

SUBJECT: Resolution directing the Mayor to install the official motto of the United States and the State of Florida, "In God We Trust," behind the dais in the Miami-Dade County Commission Chambers
Resolution No. R-1075-14

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Jose "Pepe" Diaz and Co-Sponsors Vice Chair Lynda Bell, Commissioner Esteban L. Bovo, Jr., Commissioner Audrey M. Edmonson, Chairwoman Rebeca Sosa, Senator Javier D. Souto, and Commissioner Javier C. Zapata.

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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 NO. R-1075-14

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE MAYOR OR DESIGNEE TO INSTALL THE OFFICIAL MOTTO OF THE UNITED STATES AND THE STATE OF FLORIDA, "IN GOD WE TRUST," BEHIND THE DAIS IN THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY COMMISSION CHAMBERS

WHEREAS, the motto "In God We Trust" symbolizes the historical role of religion in our society, fosters patriotism, and expresses confidence in the future of our Nation, our State, and our County and its people; and

WHEREAS, this motto's role in our society is long-standing, as it has been used extensively over the years by the federal government; and

WHEREAS, the United States Congress ("the Congress") first authorized the National Mint to include "In God We Trust" on coins in 1865, made its inclusion mandatory on gold and silver coins in 1908, and mandated its appearance on all national coins and currency in 1955; and

WHEREAS, the Congress made "In God We Trust" the national motto in 1956, and the motto has been inscribed above the Speaker's rostrum in the United States House of Representatives, and also above the main door of the United States Senate Chamber; and

WHEREAS, "In God We Trust" was made the official motto of the State of Florida by the Florida Legislature in 2006; and

WHEREAS, this Board wishes to give recognition to the official motto of our Country and our State in the Miami-Dade County Commission Chambers,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that this Board directs the Mayor or designee to install, within 90 days of the effective date of this resolution, the official

motto of the United States and the State of Florida, "In God We Trust," behind the dais in the Miami-Dade County Commission Chambers, in substantially the same form as shown in Exhibit A to this resolution.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Jose "Pepe" Diaz and the Co-Sponsors are Vice Chair Lynda Bell, Commissioner Esteban L. Bovo, Jr., Commissioner Audrey M. Edmonson, Chairwoman Rebeca Sosa, Senator Javier D. Souto and Commissioner Juan C. Zapata. It was offered by Commissioner **José "Pepe" Diaz**, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **Rebeca Sosa** and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

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

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 2nd day of December, 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.

James Eddie Kirtley
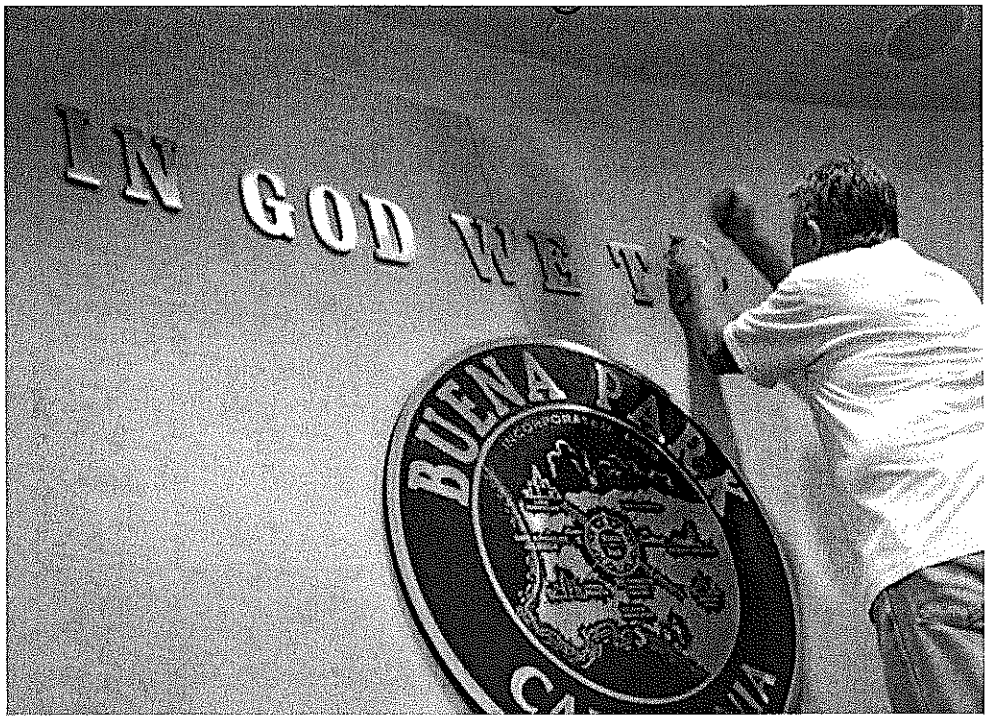
Exhibit A