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MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(14)

TO:	Honorable Chairman Jean Monestime and Members, Board of County Commissioners	**DATE:**	March 3, 2015
FROM:	R. A. Cuevas, Jr. County Attorney	**SUBJECT:**	Resolution urging the Florida Legislature to recognize the state historical significance of Tropical Park in Miami-Dade County Resolution No. R-240-15

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

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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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RESOLUTION NO. R-240-15

RESOLUTION URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO RECOGNIZE THE STATE HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE OF TROPICAL PARK IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY

WHEREAS, since 1979, Tropical Park has been a county-operated urban park located in Miami-Dade County, southwest of the intersection of the State Road 826-Palmetto Expressway and Bird Road; and

WHEREAS, Tropical Park attracts approximately 1.5 million visitors annually, offering many activities to park-goers, including, among others, bicycling, walking, running, basketball, and racquet sports; and

WHEREAS, Tropical Park is located upon the grounds of the former Tropical Park Race Track, one of Florida's early horse tracks which hosted horse races on the site from 1931 until the early 1970s; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of its historical tie to horses, Tropical Park today has an Equestrian Center that hosts over 30 horse shows annually, including international shows, as well as the renowned Miami International Agriculture, Horse and Cattle Show; and

WHEREAS, to acknowledge the history and cultural significance of Tropical Park as an early Florida horse track and park, the Florida Legislature should designate, or recognize, Tropical Park as a site of statewide historical significance,

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

Section 1. Urges the Florida Legislature to recognize the state historical significance of Tropical Park in Miami-Dade County.

Section 2. Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit certified copies of this resolution to the Governor, the Senate President, the House Speaker, the Chair and Members of the Miami-Dade State Legislative Delegation, the Florida Secretary of State, the Florida Department of State Division of Historical Resources, and its Director.

Section 3. Directs the County's state lobbyists to advocate for the legislation described in Section 1 above, and authorizes and directs the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs to amend the 2015 state legislative package to include this item.

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

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

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 3rd day of March, 2015. This resolution shall become effective upon the earlier of (1) 10 days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the County Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board, or (2) approval by the County Mayor of this Resolution and the filing of this approval with the Clerk of the 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