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MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(13)

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

DATE: April 21, 2015

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

SUBJECT: Resolution directing the County Mayor to prepare reports (1) outlining the progress of the North-End Street Violence Task Force, (2) identifying areas within Miami-Dade County that would benefit from the creation of a task force similar to the North-End Street Violence Task Force and making recommendations regarding the implementation plan for such a task force, and (3) identifying existing Miami-Dade County resources, as well as a plan for the initiation of partnerships with other local, federal and state law enforcement agencies and community and faith-based organizations, that can assist in encouraging the community in high crime areas to participate in the social services, crime prevention and community outreach programs
Resolution No. R-339-15

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Audrey M. Edmonson and Co-Sponsors Commissioner Barbara J. Jordan and Senator Javier D. Souto.

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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-339-15

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO PREPARE REPORTS (1) OUTLINING THE PROGRESS OF THE NORTH-END STREET VIOLENCE TASK FORCE, (2) IDENTIFYING AREAS WITHIN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY THAT WOULD BENEFIT FROM THE CREATION OF A TASK FORCE SIMILAR TO THE NORTH-END STREET VIOLENCE TASK FORCE AND MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING THE IMPLEMENTATION PLAN FOR SUCH A TASK FORCE, AND (3) IDENTIFYING EXISTING MIAMI-DADE COUNTY RESOURCES, AS WELL AS A PLAN FOR THE INITIATION OF PARTNERSHIPS WITH OTHER LOCAL, FEDERAL AND STATE LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES AND COMMUNITY AND FAITH-BASED ORGANIZATIONS, THAT CAN ASSIST IN ENCOURAGING THE COMMUNITY IN HIGH CRIME AREAS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SOCIAL SERVICES, CRIME PREVENTION AND COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROGRAMS PROVIDED BY MIAMI-DADE COUNTY THROUGH THE MIAMI-DADE POLICE DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County, through the Miami-Dade Police Department, is committed to promoting a safe and secure environment for all Miami-Dade County residents and visitors to enjoy; and

WHEREAS, the Miami-Dade Police Department has collaborated with federal and state law enforcement agencies, as well as community organizations, to further its commitment to public safety and crime prevention; and

WHEREAS, in 2012, the Miami-Dade Police Department began collaborating in a number of joint investigations with federal law enforcement agencies, including the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives and the Drug Enforcement Administration, to target illegal firearms in Miami-Dade County; and

WHEREAS, this multi-agency collaboration resulted in the seizure of over 248 firearms and the arrest of over 97 individuals in Miami-Dade County between 2012 and 2013; and

WHEREAS, on November 25, 2013, the Miami-Dade Police Department established the North-End Street Violence Task Force to address the rising number of violent crimes committed in the northern areas of Miami-Dade County; and

WHEREAS, the North-End Street Violence Task Force is comprised of members from multiple Miami-Dade Police Department units working collaboratively in a team setting with the sole objective of combatting violent crimes, particularly those associated with firearms; and

WHEREAS, on October 21, 2014, pursuant to Resolution No. R-932-14, this Board authorized the execution of a mutual aid agreement between Miami-Dade County, through the Miami-Dade Police Department, and the City of Miami, through its police department, relating to participation in joint operations of the North-End Street Violence Task Force; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the joint operations, the North-End Street Violence Task Force has been able to concentrate investigative efforts across jurisdictional boundaries with the specific goal of addressing gun-related violence in the northern part of Miami-Dade County; and

WHEREAS, the Miami-Dade Police Department has partnered with various academic, government, and faith-based organizations, such as D.A. Dorsey Technical College, Miami-Dade College, New Jerusalem Baptist Church, and Miami-Dade County's Community Action and Human Services Department, to provide social services for communities in need, particularly with an eye for crime prevention and youth outreach; and

WHEREAS, the Miami-Dade Police Department is also participating in a number of crime prevention programs, such as the Community-Oriented Policing Squad Services ("COPS"), Coffee with a Cop, and the Spring Break Program/Summer Youth Experience Camp; and

WHEREAS, COPS employs specially trained officers who conduct community-oriented policing to serve the various communities within Miami-Dade County; and

WHEREAS, COPS officers' responsibilities include proactive patrol of their assigned neighborhoods, either by vehicle, bicycle, or foot patrol, attendance at community meetings and interaction with local residents to gather information regarding community concerns and issues, and referrals of perceived problems within the neighborhoods to appropriate governmental or private agencies; and

WHEREAS, the COPS program works to increase community cooperation with law enforcement, address community concerns more efficiently, and create visible police presence to deter crime; and

WHEREAS, the Northside District Major initiated the Coffee with a Cop program, wherein the District Major meets monthly with residents and business representatives in an informal setting to talk about concerns they may have and to enlist their support and cooperation in the problem-solving process; and

WHEREAS, the Spring Break Program/Summer Youth Experience Camp is designed to provide a safe environment for underprivileged children while they are on spring or summer break by providing a week of activities that enriches the participants' overall learning and growth; and

WHEREAS, despite the commendable efforts of the Miami-Dade Police Department in providing various community outreach programs, many in the community, particularly the residents of the Northside District, do not generally participate and engage in the services that are available through these programs; and

WHEREAS, this Board desires to support the crime prevention and community outreach initiatives of the Miami-Dade Police Department and to make available appropriate Miami-Dade

County resources that can be utilized to encourage the community, particularly the youth, to participate in these outreach programs,

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

Section 1. Directs the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to prepare an initial report and subsequent status reports outlining the progress of the North-End Street Violence Task Force, particularly addressing areas of success and ways in which the North-End Street Violence Task Force's mission and operation can be improved.

Section 2. Directs the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to provide the initial report identified in Section 1 above to this Board within 30 days of the effective date of this resolution, and to place the completed report on an agenda of the Board pursuant to Ordinance No. 14-65, and to provide status reports as identified in Section 1 above to this Board every two months thereafter for one year so that the Board can evaluate the effectiveness of the North-End Street Violence Task Force, and to place the completed status reports on applicable agendas of the Board pursuant to Ordinance No. 14-65.

Section 3. Directs the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to identify areas within Miami-Dade County that would benefit from the creation of a task force similar to the North-End Street Violence Task Force and to study the feasibility and make recommendations regarding the implementation plan for such a task force.

Section 4. Directs the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to prepare a report containing the issues identified in Section 3 above and to provide the report to this Board within 90 days of the effective date of this resolution, and to place the completed report on an agenda of the Board pursuant to Ordinance No. 14-65.

Section 5. Directs the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to prepare a report identifying existing Miami-Dade County resources, as well as a plan for the initiation of partnerships with other local, federal and state law enforcement agencies, the Miami-Dade State Attorney's Office, the United States Attorney's Office, Southern District of Florida, and community and faith-based organizations, that can assist in encouraging the community, particularly the youth, in high crime areas to participate and engage in the social services, crime prevention, and community outreach programs provided by Miami-Dade County through the Miami-Dade Police Department.

Section 6. Directs the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to provide the report identified in Section 5 above to this Board within 90 days of the effective date of this resolution, and to place the completed report on an agenda of the Board pursuant to Ordinance No. 14-65.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Audrey M. Edmonson and the Co-Sponsors are Commissioner Barbara J. Jordan and Senator Javier D. Souto. It was offered by Commissioner **Esteban L. Bovo, Jr.**, 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 **aye**

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

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The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 21st day of April, 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.

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