

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(28)

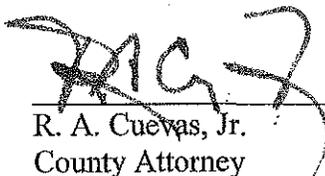
TO: Honorable Chairman Jean Monestime
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: April 21, 2015

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

SUBJECT: Resolution urging the Florida
Legislature to pass SB 698,
HB 457, or similar legislation
that would create a new specialty
license plate whose annual fees
will be used to provide funding
to public or private organizations
that assist sexually abused,
exploited, or trafficked victims
Resolution No. R-353-15

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



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(Revised)

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

DATE: April 21, 2015

FROM: 
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County Attorney

SUBJECT: Agenda Item No. 11(A)(2)

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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4-21-15

RESOLUTION NO. R-353-15

RESOLUTION URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO PASS SB 698, HB 457, OR SIMILAR LEGISLATION THAT WOULD CREATE A NEW SPECIALTY LICENSE PLATE WHOSE ANNUAL FEES WILL BE USED TO PROVIDE FUNDING TO PUBLIC OR PRIVATE ORGANIZATIONS THAT ASSIST SEXUALLY ABUSED, EXPLOITED, OR TRAFFICKED VICTIMS

WHEREAS, human trafficking is a form of modern-day slavery where individuals are often sold or forced into sexual exploitation; and

WHEREAS, the reprehensible individuals who profit from this deplorable practice often prey upon and manipulate the most vulnerable in our society, including children; and

WHEREAS, the need to address human trafficking is particularly significant in Florida because it has the third highest call volume among all states to the National Human Trafficking Hotline; and

WHEREAS, to address this issue, a comprehensive approach is required that not only includes heightened efforts to arrest and convict those who engage in human trafficking but also ensures that appropriate resources are dedicated to providing necessary services to the victims of this horrific practice; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 698 (“SB 698”) and House Bill 457 (“HB 457”) have been filed for consideration during the 2015 session of the Florida Legislature by Senator Anitere Flores (R – Miami) and Representative Jennifer Sullivan (R – Mount Dora), respectively; and

WHEREAS, SB 698 and HB 457 would amend section 320.08058, Florida Statutes, to require the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to develop a “Safe and Free Florida” specialty license plate that includes the phrase “End Human Trafficking” at the top of the license plate; and

WHEREAS, SB 698 and HB 457 also provides that the "Safe and Free Florida" license plate shall carry an annual use fee of \$25.00 and that those funds shall be distributed through The f2F Life Project, Inc. to nongovernmental, not-for-profit agencies within each county that assist sexually abused, exploited, or trafficked victims and do not charge victims for any services provided; and

WHEREAS, importantly, SB 698 and HB 457 ensure that the annual fees collected from each county are distributed to agencies within that county unless no such agencies apply to receive funding; and

WHEREAS, SB 698 and HB 457 also require that the funds provided to these agencies must be used to: (1) provide for victims' material needs including, but not limited to, clothing, housing, medical care, food, utilities, and transportation; (2) provide detoxification services; (3) provide prenatal care, postnatal care, and services for infants awaiting placement with adoptive parents; (4) purchase real estate for use as a safe house or transitional care/recovery center; or (5) provide counseling, training, awareness, and prevention programs and advertising; and

WHEREAS, no funds distributed to these agencies may be used for administrative costs, legal expenses, or capital expenditures; and

WHEREAS, SB 698 and HB 457, therefore, provide an avenue to both raise awareness about human trafficking and also fund much-needed services for sexually abused, exploited, or trafficked victims,

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 pass SB 698, HB 457, or similar legislation that would create a new specialty license plate whose annual fees will be used to

provide funding to public or private organizations that assist sexually abused, exploited, or trafficked victims.

Section 2. Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit certified copies of the resolution to the Governor, Senate President, House Speaker, Senator Anitere Flores, Representative Jennifer Sullivan, and the Chair and remaining Members of the Miami-Dade State Legislative Delegation.

Section 3. Directs the County's state lobbyists to advocate for the issues identified in Section 1 above, and authorizes and directs the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs to amend the 2015 State Legislative Package previously approved by the Board to include this item.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Rebeca Sosa. 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		

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.

MBV

Michael B. Valdes