

MEMORANDUM

Amended
Agenda Item No. 11(A)(20)

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

DATE: June 30, 2015

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

SUBJECT: Resolution affirming Miami-Dade County's support of providing opportunities for its residents to learn and improve Spanish, Creole and English languages at no cost to such residents; authorizing the use of space at all the County's regional and sub-regional library branches to hold at least weekly classes for teaching such Spanish, Creole and English classes in the evening hours consistent with existing library hours

Resolution No. R-609-15

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Senator Javier D. Souto, and Co-Sponsors Commissioner Audrey M. Edmonson, Commissioner Sally A. Heyman and Commissioner Rebeca Sosa.



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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 AFFIRMING MIAMI-DADE COUNTY'S SUPPORT OF PROVIDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR ITS RESIDENTS TO LEARN AND IMPROVE SPANISH, CREOLE AND ENGLISH LANGUAGES AT NO COST TO SUCH RESIDENTS; AUTHORIZING THE USE OF SPACE AT ALL THE COUNTY'S REGIONAL AND SUB-REGIONAL LIBRARY BRANCHES TO HOLD AT LEAST WEEKLY CLASSES FOR TEACHING SUCH SPANISH, CREOLE AND ENGLISH CLASSES IN THE EVENING HOURS CONSISTENT WITH EXISTING LIBRARY HOURS; DIRECTING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR THE COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO SEEK VOLUNTEERS AND TO WORK WITH ALL UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY AND THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM TO PROVIDE INSTRUCTORS FOR SUCH CLASSES AT NO COST TO THE COUNTY

WHEREAS, the Spanish, Creole and English languages are deeply rooted in the historical and current culture of Miami-Dade County (the "County"); and

WHEREAS, this Board finds it in the best interest of the County to provide as many opportunities for the education of its adult and minor residents to learn the Spanish, Creole or English languages; and

WHEREAS, the universities and colleges located in Miami-Dade County as well as the Miami-Dade County Public School System ("Miami-Dade County Educational Institutions") employ instructors to teach, among other things, written and spoken Spanish, Creole and English to their respective enrolled students, and, in in the case of universities and colleges, to members of the general public for a tuition and/or fee; and

WHEREAS, there may be other individuals in the County qualified to teach Spanish, Creole and English language classes who teach spoken and written Spanish, Creole and English for a fee; and

WHEREAS, many residents of the County are unable to afford the tuition and/or fee to attend the Spanish, Creole and English classes offered by universities, colleges or private individuals; and

WHEREAS, this Board finds it is within the mission and purpose of the Miami-Dade Public Library System (the "Library Department") to educate County residents in learning and improving knowledge of the Spanish, Creole and English languages, and further finds it in the best interest of the County for the Library Department to provide Spanish, Creole and English language classes at no charge to the residents of the County,

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

Section 1. This Board affirms the matters contained in the foregoing recitals which are hereby incorporated in this resolution by reference and are hereby approved.

Section 2. This Board affirms the County's commitment to the education of its minor and adult residents in the learning and improvement of knowledge of the Spanish, Creole and English languages and finds it within the scope of the Library Department's purpose and mission to provide such education.

Section 3. This Board directs the County Mayor or the County Mayor's designee to make space available at all regional and sub-regional library branches (the West Dade, West Kendall, South Dade, North Dade, and Miami Beach regional branches and the Coral Gables and Northeast Dade – Aventura sub-regional branches) after 5:00 p.m. on weekdays at least once per week for at least one hour per session, but within such libraries' normal operating hours, with such classes to be offered on different days at each of the regional and sub-regional libraries so as to maximize the availability of such classes. Such classes shall be for the instruction and education of both minor and adult residents in the learning and improvement of knowledge in the

proper speaking, reading and writing of the Spanish, Creole and English languages (“Language Classes”).

Section 4. This Board directs the County Mayor or the County Mayor’s designee to actively work to recruit qualified volunteers within the community to teach such Language Classes, including, but not limited to, volunteers who currently are Spanish, Creole or English instructors at Miami-Dade County Educational Institutions. The County Mayor or the County Mayor’s designee shall use, among other things, the County’s existing media platforms including the County’s website and social network sites, to promote such recruitment.

Section 5. This Board further directs the County Mayor or the County Mayor’s designee to work with the Miami-Dade County Educational Institutions to obtain the services of instructors from such institutions at no cost to the County and to comply with the County’s requirements for criminal background checks for such instructors, with the cost of the criminal background checks being paid by the volunteering instructor or, alternatively, by any Miami-Dade County Educational Institution offering the services of such instructor.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Senator Javier D. Souto, and the Co-Sponsors are Commissioner Audrey M. Edmonson, Commissioner Sally A. Heyman and Commissioner Rebeca Sosa. It was offered by Commissioner **Sally A. Heyman**, 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	aye
Sally A. Heyman	aye	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 30th day of June, 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.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "R. Seavey", written over a horizontal line.

Richard Seavey