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OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

# MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(15)

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

**DATE:** September 1, 2015

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

**SUBJECT:** Resolution urging the United States Department of Commerce and the United States Patent and Trademark Office to establish a United States Patent and Trademark satellite office in Miami-Dade County

Resolution No. R-741-15

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Dennis C. Moss.

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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 URGING THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE TO ESTABLISH A UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK SATELLITE OFFICE IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY

**WHEREAS**, the United States patent system has a major impact on innovation and economy; and

**WHEREAS**, patents grant inventors the exclusive right to exclude others from making, using, importing, or selling patented inventions for a limited period of time, while commercializing and disclosing how the invention works during the protected time frame; and

**WHEREAS**, this incentivizes innovation and positively impacts the economy; and

**WHEREAS**, the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) is an agency within the United States Department of Commerce (DOC), which, among other things, examines and issues patents throughout the country; and

**WHEREAS**, the USPTO is headquartered in Alexandria, Virginia, and has satellite offices in Dallas, Denver, Detroit, and Silicon Valley; and

**WHEREAS**, the satellite offices facilitate the technology industry and assist start-up businesses, intellectual property services, and job-growth accelerators; and

**WHEREAS**, Miami-Dade County would be an ideal place to host a satellite office because of its advances in new business creation, innovation, and entrepreneurship; and

**WHEREAS**, since 2004, Miami-Dade County has remained among the top communities in the country in new business creation; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2012, Miami-Dade County obtained the highest entrepreneurial index in the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2013, Miami-Dade County's entrepreneurial index was 1.5 times greater than the national average; and

**WHEREAS**, this Board would like the DOC and USPTO to establish a United States Patent and Trademark satellite office in Miami-Dade County,

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

**Section 1.** Urges the United States Department of Commerce and the United States Patent and Trademark Office to establish a United States Patent and Trademark satellite office in Miami-Dade County.

**Section 2.** Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to President Barack Obama, Secretary of Commerce Penny Pritzker, Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Director of United States Patent and Trademark Office Michelle Lee, and the Miami-Dade County Congressional Delegation.

**Section 3.** Directs the County's federal lobbyists to advocate for the action set forth in Section 1, and authorizes and directs the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs to amend the 2015 Federal Legislative Package to include this item and to include this item in the 2016 Federal Legislative Package when it is presented to the Board.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Dennis C. Moss. It was offered by Commissioner **Xavier L. Suarez**, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **Daniella Levine Cava** and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

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| 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 | **absent** | 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 1st day of September, 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. APP

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