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OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(2)

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

DATE: September 16, 2015

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

SUBJECT: Resolution urging the Florida Legislature to appropriate $35 million in funding for the State Aid to Libraries Program

Resolution No. R-777-15

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Sally A. Heyman.

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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-777-15

RESOLUTION URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO APPROPRIATE $35 MILLION IN FUNDING FOR THE STATE AID TO LIBRARIES PROGRAM

WHEREAS, enacted in 1961, Florida's State Aid to Libraries Program is a continuing state grant program authorized by Chapter 257, Florida Statutes, that provides state moneys to eligible local governments maintaining a free library or free library service; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the State Aid to Libraries Program is to assist local governments in developing, providing and maintaining free professional public library service for all Florida residents; and

WHEREAS, the State Aid to Libraries Program is administered by the Florida Department of State, Division of Library and Information Services, and is funded through annual legislative appropriations within the Division's budget; and

WHEREAS, the Miami-Dade Public Library System operates 48 library facilities, including six regional libraries and additional local branches that collectively serve approximately 6 million patrons; and

WHEREAS, as the state's largest public library system, the Miami-Dade Public Library System benefits greatly from State Aid to Libraries grant funds; and

WHEREAS, in recent years, funding for the State Aid to Libraries Program has been drastically cut, adversely impacting the ability of local governments, including Miami-Dade County, to provide such essential library services to residents; and

WHEREAS, the continued funding of the State Aid to Libraries Program is vital to ensuring the continued provision of essential library services to all Florida residents, including those in Miami-Dade County; and

WHEREAS, given that free professional public library services greatly enhance educational opportunities, economic development, and the quality of life for all Floridians, this Board would like to urge the Florida Legislature to appropriate $35 million in funding for the State Aid to Libraries Program,

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 appropriate $35 million in funding for the State Aid to Libraries Program.

Section 2. Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the Governor, Senate President, House Speaker, and the Chair and Members of the Miami-Dade State Legislative Delegation.

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

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Sally A. Heyman. It was offered by Commissioner **Rebeca Sosa**, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **Esteban L. Bovo, Jr.** 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	**absent**	Daniella Levine Cava	**absent**
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	**absent**		

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 16th 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. MJM

Michael J. Mastrucci