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OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(6)

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

DATE: October 20, 2015

FROM: Abigail Price-Williams
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution urging the Florida Department of Environmental Protection to refrain from allowing hunting in state parks throughout Florida

Resolution No. R-948-15

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

Abigail Price-Williams
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-948-15

RESOLUTION URGING THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION TO REFRAIN FROM ALLOWING HUNTING IN STATE PARKS THROUGHOUT FLORIDA

WHEREAS, the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) oversees and manages Florida's state parks; and

WHEREAS, hunting in state parks is currently prohibited; and

WHEREAS, FDEP, however, has indicated an intent to allow hunting in state parks so that the state park system could be financially self-sufficient; and

WHEREAS, state parks should preserve and protect wildlife; and

WHEREAS, with 161 state park areas in Florida, millions of people visit the parks to engage in recreational activities like swimming, camping, hiking, biking, fishing, and canoeing; and

WHEREAS, hunting could interfere with these activities and potentially pose a danger to those engaging in such activities; and

WHEREAS, Florida's largest urban park, Oleta River State Park, is located in Miami-Dade County; and

WHEREAS, this Board urges FDEP to refrain from allowing hunting in state parks throughout Florida particularly due to its potential effect on Miami-Dade County residents, visitors, and wildlife,

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

Section 1. Urges the Florida Department of Environmental Protection to refrain from allowing hunting in state parks throughout Florida.

Section 2. Directs the Clerk of this Board to send a certified copy of this resolution to the Governor, Senate President, House Speaker, the Chair and Members of the Miami-Dade State Legislative Delegation, and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection Secretary Jon Steverson.

Section 3. Directs the County's state lobbyists to advocate for the action indicated in Section 1 above, and authorizes and directs the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs to amend the 2016 State Legislative Package to include this item.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Rebeca Sosa. It was offered by Commissioner **Sally A. Heyman**, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **Xavier L. Suarez** 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	**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	**aye**		

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 20th day of October, 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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