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OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(32)

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

DATE: January 20, 2016

FROM: Abigail Price-Williams
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution urging Congress to enact the Airport Security Enhancement and Oversight Act, S. 2361, or similar legislation that would provide enhanced security at U.S. airports

Resolution No. R-81-16

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**

_____ **Statement of social equity 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-81-16

RESOLUTION URGING CONGRESS TO ENACT THE AIRPORT SECURITY ENHANCEMENT AND OVERSIGHT ACT, S. 2361, OR SIMILAR LEGISLATION THAT WOULD PROVIDE ENHANCED SECURITY AT U.S. AIRPORTS

WHEREAS, the Airport Security Enhancement and Oversight Act was introduced to the U.S. Senate on December 7, 2015 by U.S. Senators Bill Nelson (D-Florida) and John Thune (R-South Dakota); and

WHEREAS, the proposed bill would tighten internal security at airports across the country by enhancing background checks and requiring the Transportation and Security Administration ("TSA") to increase employment screening of aviation workers at over 450 U.S. airports; and

WHEREAS, the proposed bill would also allow TSA to access additional terrorism-related databases maintained by the federal government, increase the use of undercover "red teams" to test the security of secured areas at airports, and conduct a review of the insider threat posed by airport employees; and

WHEREAS, the TSA does not currently have real-time access to the Terrorist Identities Datamart Environment, a database maintained by American central intelligence offices; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the TSA uncovered a gun smuggling ring run by airport employees at Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport whereby guns and ammunition were smuggled on at least 20 flights from Atlanta to New York from May to December 2014; and

WHEREAS, Miami International Airport and Orlando International Airport are the only two major airports that currently conduct thorough daily employee security screenings; and

WHEREAS, there is currently no federal requirement that airport employees at U.S. airports be screened when reporting to work; and

WHEREAS, this Board is supportive of regulatory security measures designed to protect the livelihood of passengers traveling at airports all across the country,

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

Section 1. Urges Congress to enact the Airport Security Enhancement and Oversight Act, S. 2361, or similar legislation that would provide enhanced security at U.S. airports.

Section 2. Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to U.S. Senators Bill Nelson and John Thune, and the remaining Members of the Florida Congressional Delegation.

Section 3. Directs the County's federal lobbyists to advocate for the legislation in Section 1, and directs the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs 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 Rebeca Sosa. It was offered by Commissioner **José "Pepe" Diaz**, 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	**absent**
Juan C. Zapata	**aye**		

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 20th day of January, 2016. 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.

Javier Zapata