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OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(21)

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

DATE: May 17, 2016

FROM: Abigail Price-Williams
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution directing the County Mayor to collaborate with the State Attorney's Office and Miami-Dade County Public Schools to develop a curriculum to educate students on human trafficking

Resolution No. R-428-16

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor 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**

_____ **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 DIRECTING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO COLLABORATE WITH THE STATE ATTORNEY'S OFFICE AND MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS TO DEVELOP A CURRICULUM TO EDUCATE STUDENTS ON HUMAN TRAFFICKING

WHEREAS, human trafficking is a form of modern-day slavery where individuals are often sold or forced into labor or sexual exploitation, which includes, but is not limited to, domestic servitude, restaurant work, janitorial work, sweatshop factory work, migrant agricultural work, prostitution, and work in the sexual entertainment industry; and

WHEREAS, the reprehensible individuals who profit from this deplorable practice often prey upon and manipulate the most vulnerable in our society by making victims fear that they may suffer from serious physical harm or legal coercion if they attempt to seek help or escape their conditions; and

WHEREAS, the victims of human trafficking are often children; and

WHEREAS, for example, a 2001 study conducted by the University of Pennsylvania estimated that between 244,000 and 325,000 children in America are at risk each year of becoming victims of commercial sexual exploitation; and

WHEREAS, the children used for commercial sex trafficking are, on average, no more than 12-13 years old and are often victims of prior physical, psychological, and sexual abuse, poverty, unaddressed trauma, and/or low self-esteem; and

WHEREAS, a 2011 report by the Department of Justice's Bureau of Judicial Statistics also found that nearly half of all incidents of sex trafficking in the United States involve victims under the age of 18; and

WHEREAS, the need to address human trafficking is particularly significant in Florida because it has the third highest call volume among all states to the National Human Trafficking Hotline; and

WHEREAS, this Board has continuously strived to raise awareness and address all forms of human trafficking by, for example, urging the Florida Legislature to enact new or stricter penalties for improperly disclosing the location of a foster home, safe house, or group home, and for threatening or intimidating foster home parents or staff at safe houses or group homes (Resolution No. R-75-14) and to create a new specialty license plate whose annual fees will be used to provide funding to assist sexually abused, exploited, or trafficked victims (Resolution No. R-353-15), or by directing the County Mayor to place human trafficking awareness signs in public areas at County-owned facilities (Resolution No. R-236-16); and

WHEREAS, those efforts can be greatly assisted by developing and implementing a curriculum that will educate students in Miami-Dade County about human trafficking because the students will then be more aware of the problem, less vulnerable of becoming victims, and more informed on how to seek out help for themselves or others,

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

Section 1. The County Mayor or County Mayor's designee is hereby directed to collaborate with the State Attorney's Office and Miami-Dade County Public Schools to develop a curriculum to educate students on human trafficking.

Section 2. The County Mayor or County Mayor's designee is further directed to submit a status report to this Board within 90 days of the effective date of this resolution describing the efforts undertaken to develop said curriculum. The completed report shall be placed on an agenda of the Board pursuant to Ordinance No. 14-65.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Rebeca Sosa. It was offered by Commissioner **Rebeca Sosa**, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **José "Pepe" Diaz** 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	**absent**	Barbara J. Jordan	**aye**
Dennis C. Moss	**absent**	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 17th day of May, 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. MBV

Michael B. Valdes