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LETTER TO COMMISSION

TO: Mayor Matti Herrera Bower and Members of the City Commission

FROM: Jimmy L. Morales, City Manager

DATE: September 19, 2013

SUBJECT: **TRANSMITTAL OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY RESOLUTION FROM COUNTY COMMISSIONER JOSE "PEPE" DIAZ, REGARDING GOLDEN VETERANS PARADE – 50TH ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATION**

Attached please find Resolution adopted July 16, 2013 by the Miami-Dade County Commission, submitted by Commissioner Jose "Pepe" Diaz, Chairman, Military Affairs Board for Miami-Dade County.

County Commissioner Diaz encourages the City Commission to express support by having the City of Miami Beach adopt a similar Resolution, commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Vietnam war, in an effort to obtain financial and in-kind support to fund this event, which will take place on November 8, 2013. A copy of the County Resolution is attached as reference.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

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Attachment

c: Rafael E. Granado, City Clerk

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Approved _____ Mayor
Veto _____
Override _____

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(10)
7-16-13

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE VIETNAM WAR; EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE NOVEMBER 8, 2013 PARADE SPONSORED BY THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY MILITARY AFFAIRS BOARD WELCOMING HOME AND REMEMBERING VIETNAM VETERANS; DIRECTING THE MAYOR OR MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO PROVIDE THE NECESSARY STAFF AND IN-KIND SUPPORT TO COORDINATE THE PARADE WHEN THE COMMISSION APPROVES THE SOURCE OF THE FUNDS AND THE NECESSARY AMOUNT AT A LATER DATE; AND ALLOCATING \$50,000.00 TO THE MILITARY AFFAIRS TRUST FUND FOR THE PARADE WHEN THE COMMISSION APPROVES THE SOURCE OF THE FUNDS AT A LATER DATE

WHEREAS, beginning on Memorial Day 2012, the Federal government initiated a partnership with local governments, private organizations, and communities across America to participate in the Commemoration of the 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War; and

WHEREAS, the Commemoration of the 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War is a 13-year program to honor and thank the generation of proud Americans who served our country during one of the most challenging missions ever faced by our nation; and

WHEREAS, this Board wishes to join in the commemoration of the 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War; and

WHEREAS, the Commemoration of the 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War is a tribute to the valor of more than 3 million servicemen and women who left their families to serve bravely; and

WHEREAS, through more than a decade of combat, over air, land, and sea, these proud Americans upheld the highest traditions of our Armed Forces; and

WHEREAS, as a grateful Nation, we honor more than 58,000 patriots who sacrificed their lives during the Vietnam War and remember those who were wounded and still carry the scars of war; and

WHEREAS, the Military Affairs Board is sponsoring a parade, scheduled for November 8, 2013, commemorating the 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War, and welcoming home and remembering our Vietnam veterans; and

WHEREAS, this Board believes that it is in the best interest of the citizens of Miami-Dade County to support the November 8, 2013 parade sponsored by the Military Affairs Board,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that this Board: (1) joins in the Commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the Vietnam War; (2) supports the November 8, 2013 parade sponsored by the Military Affairs Board welcoming home and remembering our Vietnam veterans and Bay of Pigs veterans; (3) directs the Mayor or Mayor's designee to provide the necessary staff and in-kind support to coordinate the parade when the Commission approves the source of the funds and the necessary amount at a later date; and (4) authorizes the allocation of \$50,000.00 to the Military Affairs Trust Fund for the parade when the Commission approves the source of the funds at a later date. These funds will be augmented by private contributions.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Jose "Pepe" Diaz and the Co-Sponsor is Commissioner Sally A. Heyman. It was offered by Commissioner who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Rebeca Sosa, Chairwoman
Lynda Bell, Vice Chair

Bruno A. Barreiro
Jose "Pepe" Diaz
Sally A. Heyman
Jean Monestime
Sen. Javier D. Souto
Juan C. Zapata

Esteban L. Bovo, Jr.
Audrey M. Edmonson
Barbara J. Jordan
Dennis C. Moss
Xavier L. Suarez

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 16th day of July, 2013. This resolution shall become effective ten (10) days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA
BY ITS BOARD OF
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

HARVEY RUVIN, CLERK

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.

GKS

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From: Diaz, Jose "Pepe" (DIST12)

Sent: Monday, September 16, 2013 1:24 PM

Subject: Golden Veterans Parade

Dear Elected officials,

I hope this letter finds you well! As Chairman of the **Miami-Dade County Military Affairs Board** I want to invite you and your City to join our efforts in hosting the "**Golden Veterans Parade – 50th Anniversary Commemoration**," a one-time event, where as a community we will finally welcome back our Vietnam Veterans and salute our Bay of Pigs and all veterans in Miami-Dade County and the entire State of Florida.

This long overdue one-time commemorative event has been inspired by the Presidential proclamation naming the next 13 years the 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War, and seeks to honor those veterans who because of anti-war sentiments were never given a proper welcome back reception. The Parade will start at noon on November 8th, 2013 down the symbolic Flagler Street into *Bayfront Park* for a commemorative ceremony and community concert until sunset.

I humbly ask that you consider backing this massive undertaking by way of resolution, for financial and in-kind support. We are working closely with the City of Miami, where the parade will take place but need the prompt support and involvement from all the other municipalities. Enclosed you shall find a copy of the Miami-Dade County Resolution of support to this event, as reference.

If you have any questions or need more information please contact Gloria Garcés at my district office 305.599.1200 ggarcas@miamidade.gov or Gustavo Cruz, Executive Director of the Military Affairs Board gcruz@miamidade.gov .

I thank you advance for your kind support and prompt attention to this matter!

Sincerely,

Commissioner Jose "Pepe" Diaz
Chairman Military Affairs Board
Miami-Dade County