



**City of Coral Gables**  
**CITY COMMISSION MEETING**  
**August 25, 2015**



**ITEM TITLE:**

A Resolution of the City Commission of Coral Gables, Florida, providing for a trial expansion of the currently-existing Victim Assistance Program to include victims of home and car burglaries, to offer reimbursement of per diem expenses, mileage, and parking incurred by the victim when attending court hearings or meetings at the State Attorney's Office and to further provide transportation for victims to attend court hearings and/or meetings at the State Attorney's Office. (Sponsored by Mayor Jim Cason).

**BRIEF HISTORY:**

The City of Coral Gables has various initiatives in place to aid crime victims, including a Victim Assistance Program. The City recognizes the importance of providing assistance to victims of crimes, including assisting victims in interacting with the criminal justice system to make the experience easier on the victim and to help ensure justice occurs. This resolution would expand the program on a trial basis to include victims of home and car burglaries and to offer, as part of the program, increased transportation assistance, including reimbursement of per diem expenses, mileage, and parking, incurred by the victim when attending court hearings or meetings at the State Attorney's Office.

**REVIEWED BY:**

City Attorney	FOR City Manager
	

**ATTACHMENT:**

- Draft Resolution**