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An act relating to Metropolitan Dade County;

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providing for the relief of Ana

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Quintana-Marquez and Juan Marquez, her husband,

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for injuries and damages sustained as a result

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of a collision with a Metro-Dade police car;

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providing an effective date.

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WHEREAS, on November 6, 1996, a Metropolitan Dade

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County police car, while in pursuit of a traffic offender,

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made an illegal turn at the intersection of N.W. 25th Street

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and N.W. 67th Avenue in Dade County, and the police vehicle

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collided with an automobile that was being driven by Ana

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Quintana-Marquez, and

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WHEREAS, as a result of the collision, Ms. Quintana

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suffered severe injuries, including blunt abdominal trauma,

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anterior chest and upper extremity contusions, multiple

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fractures, and two perforations of her colon which were so

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severe that they necessitated a colostomy and subsequent

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surgery that removed her entire colon and part of her small

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intestine, and

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WHEREAS, Ms. Quintana has been in pain from the time of

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the accident forward, has sustained extensive scarring and

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embarrassment as a result of the accident, and has been

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rendered unable to participate in normal daily interaction

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with her two toddlers, as well as being rendered unable to

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perform other normal daily activities such as swimming and

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easily going up or down stairs, and

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WHEREAS, mediation between Metro-Dade County and Ms.

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Quintana took place on April 20, 1998, and produced an

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agreement to settle the matter for \$575,000, and

1 WHEREAS, the county subsequently approved that
2 settlement and, on May 18, 1998, the parties entered into a
3 stipulation of settlement embodying the mediation agreement,
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5 WHEREAS, the stipulation of settlement specified that
6 the county would, by May 28, 1998, pay to Ana Quintana-Marquez
7 and Juan Marquez, her husband, the sum of \$200,000, which is
8 the statutory limit payable without a claim bill, and

9 WHEREAS, the remaining sum payable to Mr. and Mrs.
10 Marquez is \$375,000, NOW, THEREFORE,

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12 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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14 Section 1. The facts stated in the preamble to this
15 act are found and declared to be true.

16 Section 2. Metro-Dade County is authorized and
17 directed to compensate Ana Quintana-Marquez and Juan Marquez,
18 her husband, in the amount of \$375,000 out of funds of the
19 county not otherwise appropriated, for injuries and damages
20 sustained as a result of a collision between a Metro-Dade
21 police car and a vehicle operated by Ms. Quintana.

22 Section 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a
23 law.

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