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Pulitzer Prize-winning cartoonist illustrates Ethical Governance Day

Jim Morin, the Pulitzer Prize-winning editorial cartoonist for the Miami Herald, has penned an illustration supporting Ethical Governance Day – an annual effort by the Miami-Dade Commission on Ethics and Public Trust to raise awareness of the necessity of community involvement to clean government. Ethical Governance Day 2013 will be October 22. Community leaders are being asked to volunteer to speak to high school seniors that day to share their experiences and encourage the teenagers – who are or will soon be of voting age – to become more knowledgeable of their local, state and federal governments and the issues they face.

Morin, who has been drawing political cartoons for the Herald since 1978, said it took considerable thought to come up with an image to reflect the effort. He decided on tying the traditional patriotic drawing of drum and fife players from the American Revolution era with a contemporary couple. The cartoon will be used to promote Ethical Governance Day in posters, volunteer applications and online.

“We are extremely grateful to Mr. Morin for the generous contribution of his time and talent to Ethical Governance Day,” said Ethics Commission Executive Director Joseph Centorino. “The message in the cartoon will help us to recruit volunteers and inspire high school students to consider taking an active role in public affairs.”

To learn more about Ethical Governance Day, visit ethics.miamidade.gov or call 305-579-2594.



The Ethics Commission was created in 1996 as an independent agency with advisory and quasi-judicial powers. It is composed of five members, serving staggered terms of four years each. Through a program of education, outreach and enforcement, the Commission seeks to empower the community and bolster public trust.

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