

MEMORANDUM

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Agenda Item No. 10(A)(21)

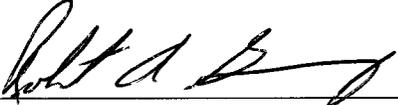
TO: Honorable Chairman Joe A. Martinez
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: December 2, 2004

FROM: Robert A. Ginsburg
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution urging Congress
to fund services critical to
prevent domestic violence

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Commissioner Dennis C. Moss.



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County Attorney

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(Revised)

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Please note any items checked.

- "4-Day Rule" ("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
- Bid waiver requiring County Manager's written recommendation
- Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Manager's report for public hearing
- Housekeeping item (no policy decision required)
- No committee review

Approved _____ Mayor
Veto _____
Override _____

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12-2-04

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION URGING THE U.S. CONGRESS TO FUND
SERVICES CRITICAL TO PREVENT AND ADDRESS
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IN THE FISCAL YEAR 2005
APPROPRIATIONS BILL

WHEREAS, an omnibus appropriations bill for fiscal year 2005 that includes funding under the Violence Against Women Act (“VAWA”) and the Victims of Crime Act (“VOCA”) for services critical to prevent domestic violence and address issues such as battered women’s shelters, services to children who witness domestic violence, transitional housing and rental assistance for battered women, and other important issues could be under consideration in the U.S. Congress as early as next month during its “lame duck” session; and

WHEREAS, the bill is critically important to the foregoing domestic violence issues; and

WHEREAS, during its October meeting the Miami-Dade County Domestic Violence Oversight Board moved to support the following recommendations to help battered women and their children via the FY 2005 Appropriations Bill:

1. Fund the Family Violence Prevention and Services Act at \$150 million.
2. Provide core services for victims of domestic and sexual violence by raising the cap on the VOCA fund to \$650 million.
3. Restore funding for Grants to Combat Violence Against Women to \$185 million.
4. Help end the cycle of violence by awarding Transitional Housing its own \$15 million line item, as was done in FY 2004.

5. Give families the opportunity to escape abuse and rebuild stable, self-sufficient lives by fully funding the Section 8 voucher program and returning to a cost-based voucher formula; and

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County receives federal funds under programs in each of the five areas listed above; and

WHEREAS, domestic violence victims and their children are in dire need of the foregoing services,

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

Section 1. This Board urges the U.S. Congress to fund services critical to prevent and address domestic violence in the Fiscal Year 2005 Appropriations Bill.

Section 2. The Clerk of the Board is directed to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the Chair and members of the Miami-Dade County Congressional Delegation.

Section 3. The Office of Intergovernmental Affairs is directed to include this issue in the County's 2005 federal legislative package.

The foregoing resolution was sponsored by Commissioner Dennis C. Moss and 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:

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Joe A. Martinez, Chairman
Dennis C. Moss, Vice-Chairman

Bruno A. Barreiro
Jose "Pepe" Diaz
Sally A. Heyman
Dorrin D. Rolle
Katy Sorenson
Sen. Javier D. Souto

Dr. Barbara Carey-Shuler
Carlos A. Gimenez
Barbara J. Jordan
Natacha Seijas
Rebeca Sosa

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 2nd day of December, 2004. 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.



Glenn Saks

