

MEMORANDUM

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Agenda Item No. **2 (H)**

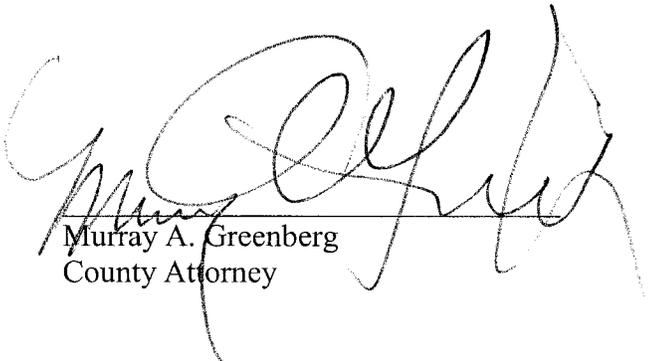
TO: Honorable Chairman Joe A. Martinez
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: **February 15, 2006**

FROM: Murray A. Greenberg
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution relating to the
placement of a medical
school at Florida International
University

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of
Chairman Joe A. Martinez.



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County Attorney

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(Revised)

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

DATE: March 7, 2006

FROM: Murray A. Greenberg
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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 _____

Agenda Item No.
3-7-06

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION URGING GOVERNOR JEB BUSH AND THE
FLORIDA BOARD OF GOVERNORS TO APPROVE THE
PLACEMENT OF A MEDICAL SCHOOL AT FLORIDA
INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY

WHEREAS, Miami is the second largest metropolitan area in the U.S. without a public medical school; and

WHEREAS, Florida must license more than 2,500 new physicians annually to meet the current medical needs of Floridians, yet Florida medical schools currently graduate only 500 physicians a year, importing the remaining needed physicians from other states and countries; and

WHEREAS, Florida ranks 45th in the nation in the number of physicians-in-training, with only 17 medical residents per 100,000 people compared to the national average of 37 medical residents per 100,000 people; and

WHEREAS, there is a growing national shortage of physicians that is predicted to surpass 200,000 by the year 2025; and

WHEREAS, increasing demand for physicians nationally will make it harder for Florida to draw physicians from elsewhere; and

WHEREAS, Florida has the nation's oldest physician workforce, with two-thirds of the state's 44,000 doctors 55 years of age or older; and

WHEREAS, when many of Florida's older physicians soon retire, Florida's physician shortage will be further compounded; and

WHEREAS, Florida's population is expected to increase by five million residents by the year 2020, further exacerbating physician shortages in Florida in the coming decades; and

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County has one of the highest concentrations of elders in the country, a demographic group that uses up to 3.5 times more medical services on average than younger people; and

WHEREAS, Florida International University's plan for a new medical school does not call for the construction of a new teaching hospital, but instead will have an immediate and cost-effective impact on the quality and availability of health care by training residents at existing, affiliated facilities in Miami-Dade County, including Baptist Health South Florida Hospitals, Mercy Hospital, Miami Children's Hospital and Mount Sinai Medical Center; and

WHEREAS, Florida International University already has all the other programs in place within its comprehensive health and medical education initiative to best serve South Florida's growing health care and education and research needs; and

WHEREAS, a medical school at Florida International University is critical to its mission of supporting community needs for health care, economic development, research, and emerging biotechnology capability in South Florida; and

WHEREAS, a public medical school at Florida International University would draw a large pool of applicants from multicultural Miami-Dade County and in turn would provide a diversity of homegrown doctors who understand the issues of our community; and

WHEREAS, studies show that for every dollar spend on medical schools an additional \$1.30 is generated for a total economic impact of \$2.30; and

WHEREAS, the economic impact of a medical school at Florida International University is projected to be \$784 million yearly and to generate 11,000 additional jobs and \$22 million in state and local tax revenue; and

WHEREAS, a public medical school at Florida International University would elevate the quality of medical care in Miami-Dade County and the State of Florida and help address unfilled medical needs, particularly among poor residents who are currently underserved,

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

Section 1. Urges Governor Jeb Bush and the Florida Board of Governors of the State University System to consider all the factors noted above and approve the placement of a medical school at Florida International University.

Section 2. Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to Governor Jeb Bush, the chair and members of the Miami-Dade County State Legislative Delegation and the chair and members of the Florida Board of Governors of the State University System.

The foregoing resolution was sponsored by Chairman Joe A. Martinez 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:

Joe A. Martinez, Chairman	
Dennis C. Moss, Vice-Chairman	
Bruno A. Barreiro	Jose "Pepe" Diaz
Audrey M. Edmonson	Carlos A. Gimenez
Sally A. Heyman	Barbara J. Jordan
Dorrin D. Rolle	Natacha Seijas
Katy Sorenson	Rebeca Sosa
Sen. Javier D. Souto	

The Chairman thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 7th day of March, 2006. 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.

JMM

Jess M. McCarty