

**MEMORANDUM**

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(6)

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**TO:** Honorable Chairman Bruno A. Barreiro  
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

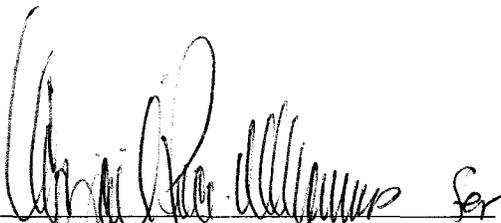
**DATE:** September 18, 2007

**FROM:** R. A. Cuevas, Jr.  
County Attorney

**SUBJECT:** Resolution urging the  
Governor and Legislature  
not to eliminate \$10.2  
million to establish medical  
schools at FIU and UCF

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

  
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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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09-18-07

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

RESOLUTION URGING THE GOVERNOR AND THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE NOT TO ELIMINATE \$10.2 MILLION FROM THE STATE FISCAL YEAR 2007-08 BUDGET TO ESTABLISH MEDICAL SCHOOLS AT FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY AND THE UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL FLORIDA DURING THE UPCOMING SPECIAL SESSION

**WHEREAS**, Southeast Florida is the largest metropolitan area in the U.S. without a public medical school; 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'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**, 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**, 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; and

**WHEREAS**, in March, 2006, the Board of Governors of Florida's State University System approved the establishment of new medical schools at Florida International University in Miami and the University of Central Florida in Orlando; and

**WHEREAS**, during the 2007 regular session this past spring, the Florida Legislature approved \$10.2 million in new funds to establish medical schools at Florida International University and the University of Central Florida; and

**WHEREAS**, since the 2007 regular session ended in May, Florida's state revenues have experienced a downturn compared with what was projected; and

**WHEREAS**, this downturn in state revenues has necessitated the Legislature making budget cuts of approximately \$1 billion for the current state fiscal year; and

**WHEREAS**, a special session has been called for October 3, 2007 to make these state budget cuts; and

**WHEREAS**, on September 10, 2007, the Governor issued his proposed budget cut recommendations; and

**WHEREAS**, one of the budget cuts that the Governor recommended was to eliminate from the state fiscal year 2007-08 budget the \$10.2 million appropriation to establish medical schools at Florida International University and the University of Central Florida; and

**WHEREAS**, the medical schools at Florida International University and the University of Central Florida currently are going through the accreditation process, and cutting state funding to these medical schools could place them in a vulnerable position related to accreditation; and

**WHEREAS**, given the large number of uninsured people in Miami-Dade County and great demand for medical care, it is of utmost importance to this community that the establishment of a medical school at Florida International University not be delayed; and

**WHEREAS**, the Orange County Board of County Commissioners has passed a similar resolution, which is attached, and this Board joins Orange County in urging the Florida Legislature not to eliminate this important start-up funding to establish public medical schools in Miami-Dade and Orange Counties,

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

**Section 1.** Urges the Governor and Florida Legislature not to eliminate \$10.2 million from the state fiscal year 2007-08 budget during the upcoming special session that was previously appropriated to establish medical schools at Florida International University and the University of Central Florida.

**Section 2.** Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit certified copies of the resolution to the Governor, Senate President, House Speaker, and the Chair and Members of the Miami-Dade County and Orange County State Legislative Delegations.

**Section 3.** Directs the County's state lobbyists to advocate against the elimination of funding for medical schools at Florida International University and the University of Central Florida pursuant to section 1 above, and directs the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs to include this item in the 2007 and 2008 state legislative packages.

The foregoing resolution was sponsored by Commissioner 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:

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

The Chairman thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 18<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2007. 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.



Jess M. McCarty

APPROVED  
BY ORANGE COUNTY BOARD  
OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
SEP 18 2007 *LH/ES*

**RESOLUTION NO. 2007-M-49**

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA, IN SUPPORT OF CONTINUED FUNDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE COLLEGE OF MEDICINE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL FLORIDA AND THE FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF MEDICINE

**WHEREAS**, the University of Central Florida has grown to become regionally and nationally recognized for many of its academic and research programs; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 23, 2006, the State Board of Governors approved the establishment of medical schools for the University of Central Florida and Florida International University; and

**WHEREAS**, the College of Medicine at UCF and the FIU College of Medicine will produce about 240 new M.D. graduates each year, contribute to the creation of new medical and surgical residencies, and enhance the economic development of the state of Florida; and

**WHEREAS**, the College of Medicine at UCF is the cornerstone of the newly planned "Medical City" at Lake Nona and will serve as the catalyst for the growth of bio medical research activities; and

**WHEREAS**, significant physician shortages exist and are projected in the state of Florida, and the establishment of these medical colleges will serve local communities, the state, and the nation by providing needed doctors and improved health care; and

**WHEREAS**, an economic study shows that the UCF medical school alone will generate \$1.4 billion in annual economic activity, add 6,400 jobs by the tenth year of operation, and elevate UCF as a research institute;

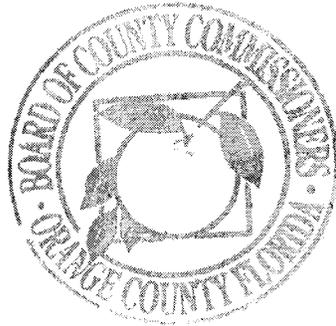
**NOW, THEREFORE**, Be It Resolved by the Board of County Commissioners of Orange County, Florida that:

**Section 1.** The establishment of medical schools at the University of Central Florida and at Florida International University is vital to both communities' efforts to increase opportunities for medical education in Florida, provide needed doctors, improve health care, boost the economy, and create new opportunities for citizens.

**Section 2.** The Orange County Board of County Commissioners urges the members of the Florida Legislature to maintain funding for the establishment of the College of Medicine at the University of Central Florida and the Florida International University College of Medicine.

**Section 3.** A copy of this resolution shall be transmitted to the President of the Florida Senate, the Speaker of the Florida House of Representatives, and members of the Orange County Legislative Delegation.

**ADOPTED THIS 18<sup>th</sup> DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2007.**



**ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA**  
Board of County Commissioners

By:   
Richard T. Crotty  
Orange County Mayor

ATTEST: Martha O. Haynie, County Comptroller  
As Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners

By:   
Deputy Clerk