

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(15)


TO: Honorable Chairman Dennis C. Moss
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: September 15, 2009

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

SUBJECT: Resolution urging Congress
and the Florida Legislature to
maximize federal and state
funding for Jackson Health
System

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Dorrin D. Rolle.



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Please note any items checked.

- ☐ "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
- ☐ Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Manager's report for public hearing
- ☒ No committee review
- ☐ Applicable legislation requires more than a majority vote (i.e., 2/3's ____, 3/5's ____, unanimous ____) to approve
- ☐ Current information regarding funding source, index code and available balance, and available capacity (if debt is contemplated) required

Approved _____ Mayor
Veto _____
Override _____

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RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION URGING CONGRESS AND THE FLORIDA
LEGISLATURE TO MAXIMIZE FEDERAL AND STATE
FUNDING FOR JACKSON HEALTH SYSTEM

WHEREAS, Jackson Health System (“Jackson”) is the State of Florida’s largest provider of charity care, serving the Florida community as the only safety net hospital in Miami-Dade County; and

WHEREAS, Jackson consists of Jackson Memorial Hospital, 10 primary care centers, 17 school-based clinics, two long-term care nursing facilities, an outpatient diagnostic center, a children’s hospital, a rehabilitation hospital, a mental health hospital and two community hospitals; and

WHEREAS, Jackson is consistently listed in US News and World Report as one of the Nation’s top hospitals in a variety of specialties; and

WHEREAS, in 2008, Jackson spent approximately \$525 million on charity care, a level that is not only the highest in Florida but also among the highest in the U.S.; and

WHEREAS, total costs for charity care at Jackson are estimated to increase by another \$10 million in fiscal year 2009-10; and

WHEREAS, Jackson is continually overburdened by an inordinate amount of charity care that continues to be a financial strain on the system; and

WHEREAS, the current recession has resulted in an even larger demand for charity care; and

WHEREAS, maintaining existing funding and increasing funding where possible to Jackson at both the federal and state levels is essential to ensuring that Jackson can continue to effectively provide charity care,

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

Section 1. Urges Congress and the Florida Legislature to maximize federal and state funding for Jackson Health System.

Section 2. Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the members of the Florida Congressional Delegation, the Governor, Senate President, House Speaker, and the Chair and Members of the Miami-Dade County State Legislative Delegation.

Section 3. Directs the County's federal and state lobbyists to advocate for the legislation set forth in Section 1 above, and authorizes and directs the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs to amend the 2009 and 2010 Federal Legislative Packages and the 2010 State Legislative Package to include this item.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Dorrin D. Rolle. It was 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:

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

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 15th day of September, 2009. 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.

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Jess M. McCarty

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