MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(20)

TO:	Honorable Chairwoman Rebeca Sosa and Members, Board of County Commissioners	**DATE:**	September 3, 2014
FROM:	R. A. Cuevas, Jr. County Attorney	**SUBJECT:**	Resolution urging Congress to allocate increased funding for pediatric cancer research

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Chairwoman Rebeca Sosa.

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County Attorney

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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 Mayor'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**

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Approved _____ Mayor
Veto _____
Override _____

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RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION URGING CONGRESS TO ALLOCATE INCREASED FUNDING FOR PEDIATRIC CANCER RESEARCH

WHEREAS, pediatric cancer (childhood cancer) is the leading cause of disease-related death among children and adolescents (ages 1 to 19 years) in the United States, according to the National Cancer Institute; and

WHEREAS, the causes of pediatric cancer are not well understood; and

WHEREAS, pediatric cancer spares no group, striking every ethnic and socioeconomic group in every country; and

WHEREAS, for some pediatric cancer types, survival rates remain low; and

WHEREAS, funding from both the private sector and the federal government for pediatric cancer research is scarce; and

WHEREAS, most cancer research funding from the federal government is devoted to adult cancers with only a small percentage devoted toward research on childhood cancers; and

WHEREAS, despite significant advances in adult cancer research, there has only been one drug approved specifically for pediatric cancer in the last 20 years; and

WHEREAS, cancer treatments for children are often toxic, leaving many child survivors with permanent disabilities, secondary cancers, and other lifelong challenges including poor educational attainment, less-than-optimal employment status, and interpersonal relationship issues; and

WHEREAS, increased research devoted to pediatric cancer is necessary not only to find cures for the different forms of pediatric cancer but also to find more humane, less toxic treatments; and

WHEREAS, on June 16, 2014, this Board adopted Resolution No. R-565-14 urging Congress to pass the "Bella Bill" which sets forth a procedure for testing new cancer drugs on pediatric cancers, thus increasing the chance of finding new, effective treatments for pediatric cancers; and

WHEREAS, in addition to passing the "Bella Bill," the Board desires to urge Congress to increase federal funding for pediatric cancer research,

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

Section 1. Urges Congress to allocate increased funding for pediatric cancer research.

Section 2. Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit certified copies of this resolution to the members of the Florida Congressional Delegation.

Section 3. Directs the County's federal lobbyists to advocate for the passage of the legislation as set forth in Section 1 above, and authorizes and directs the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs to amend the 2014 Federal Legislative Package to include this item and to include this item in the 2015 Federal Legislative Package when it is presented to the Board.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Chairwoman Rebeca Sosa. 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:

Rebeca Sosa, Chairwoman
Lynda Bell, Vice Chair

Bruno A. Barreiro	Esteban L. Bovo, Jr.
Jose "Pepe" Diaz	Audrey M. Edmonson
Sally A. Heyman	Barbara J. Jordan
Jean Monestime	Dennis C. Moss
Sen. Javier D. Souto	Xavier L. Suarez
Juan C. Zapata	

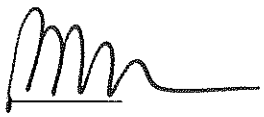
The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 3rd day of September, 2014. This resolution shall become effective ten (10) days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board.

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.



Brenda Kuhns Neuman