

# MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(9)

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**TO:** Honorable Chairman Jean Monestime  
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

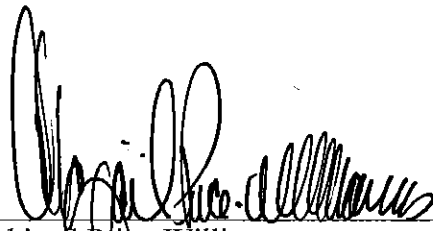
**DATE:** May 17, 2016

**FROM:** Abigail Price-Williams  
County Attorney

**SUBJECT:** Resolution urging the United States Congress and the United States Department of Veterans Affairs to allocate funding to support a new Veterans Affairs medical clinic in Homestead, Florida, to serve active duty, reserve and retired military personnel in South Miami-Dade County

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The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Daniella Levine Cava.



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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**
- Statement of social equity 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**

Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Mayor  
Veto \_\_\_\_\_  
Override \_\_\_\_\_

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5-17-16

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

RESOLUTION URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS AND THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS TO ALLOCATE FUNDING TO SUPPORT A NEW VETERANS AFFAIRS MEDICAL CLINIC IN HOMESTEAD, FLORIDA, TO SERVE ACTIVE DUTY, RESERVE AND RETIRED MILITARY PERSONNEL IN SOUTH MIAMI-DADE COUNTY

**WHEREAS**, the Veterans Health Administration is America's largest integrated health care system with over 1,700 sites of care serving 8.76 million veterans each year; and

**WHEREAS**, the Homestead Veterans Affairs Community Based Outpatient Clinic rents a medical office that is inadequate to meet the needs of the increasing military and veteran population; and

**WHEREAS**, the Homestead Veterans Affairs Community Based Outpatient Clinic does not offer emergency services; and

**WHEREAS**, it is essential to provide full medical and post-traumatic stress disorder ("PTSD") services for active duty, reserve and retired military personnel, including veterans and eligible families who reside in South Miami-Dade County, Florida; and

**WHEREAS**, a Homestead Veterans Affairs Community Based Outpatient Clinic in a new location funded and established in Homestead could meet the needs of more than 10,000 veterans, retired military, active duty personnel and eligible family members and offer emergency services; and

**WHEREAS**, Congresswoman Ileana Ros-Lehtinen (R – Florida) collaborated with the South Dade Chamber of Commerce Military Affairs Committee to promote efforts to establish a new Veterans Affairs clinic in Homestead, Florida; and

**WHEREAS**, the relocation of the current Homestead Veterans Affairs Community Based Outpatient Clinic would provide expanded services and convenient access for patients in South Miami-Dade County and Monroe County; and

**WHEREAS**, this Board desires to urge the United States Congress and the United States Department of Veterans Affairs to fund a new Veterans Affairs medical clinic in Homestead, Florida,

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

**Section 1.** Urges the United States Congress and the United States Department of Veterans Affairs to allocate funding to support a new Veterans Affairs medical clinic in Homestead, Florida to service active duty, reserve and retired military personnel in South Miami-Dade County.

**Section 2.** Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to Senators Bill Nelson and Marco Rubio, the members of the Miami-Dade County Congressional Delegation and the United States Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

**Section 3.** Directs the County's federal lobbyists to advocate for the funding set forth in Section 1 above, and authorizes and directs the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs to amend the 2016 Federal Legislative Package to include this item and to include this item in the 2017 Federal Legislative Package when it is presented to the Board.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Daniella Levine Cava. 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:

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

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 17<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2016. This resolution shall become effective upon the earlier of (1) 10 days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the County Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board, or (2) approval by the County Mayor of this Resolution and the filing of this approval with the Clerk of the 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.



Suzanne Villano-Charif