MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(8)

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

DATE: July 19, 2016

FROM: Abigail Price-Williams
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution urging the United States Congress, the United States Department of Health and Human Services, the Florida Legislature, and the Florida Department of Health to implement Zika virus testing for pregnant women as standard protocol during prenatal care and to provide funding for the testing

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

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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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7-19-16

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS, THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE, AND THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO IMPLEMENT ZIKA VIRUS TESTING FOR PREGNANT WOMEN AS STANDARD PROTOCOL DURING PRENATAL CARE AND TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR THE TESTING

WHEREAS, the Zika virus is primarily transmitted to humans through the bite of an infected Aedes species mosquito, however, public health officials and epidemiologists alike have not been able to determine the full list of possible ways in which the virus may be transferred; and

WHEREAS, the Zika virus infection known as Zika fever or Zika virus disease, usually leads to mild symptoms lasting for several days to a week after being bitten by an infected mosquito; and

WHEREAS, the symptoms of Zika virus disease include fever, rash, joint pain, conjunctivitis, muscle pain, and headaches; and

WHEREAS, while infected individuals usually do not require treatment at a hospital and very rarely die, Zika virus disease during pregnancy can cause a serious birth defect called microcephaly, as well as other severe fetal brain defects; and

WHEREAS, on May 26, 2016, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention announced that there are 341 pregnant women who are being monitored for possible Zika virus disease in the United States and its territories; and

WHEREAS, on February 3, 2016, Florida Governor Rick Scott declared a public health emergency in four counties where a case of Zika virus disease had been diagnosed, including Miami-Dade County; and

WHEREAS, on February 4, 2016, following the detection of a new case of Zika virus disease in Broward County, Florida Governor Rick Scott asked the State Surgeon General to amend the declaration of public health emergency to include Broward County; and

WHEREAS, in Florida, of the 128 Zika virus disease diagnoses statewide (not involving pregnant women), 51 individuals with the disease have been identified in Miami-Dade County as of June 2016; and

WHEREAS, in Florida, as of June 2016, there have been 40 pregnant women with evidence of Zika virus disease who have been or are being monitored; and

WHEREAS, on June 28, 2016, the Florida Department of Health confirmed the first Zika-related case of microcephaly in a child born in Florida; and

WHEREAS, this Board wishes to make every effort to combat this virus that is impacting the lives of many throughout the state,

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, the United States Department of Health and Human Services, the Florida Legislature, and the Florida Department of Health to implement Zika virus testing for pregnant women as standard protocol during prenatal care and to provide funding so that the testing is free of cost for the patient.

Section 2. Directs the Clerk of this Board to send a certified copy of this resolution to the President of the United States, the Florida Congressional Delegation, the Secretary of the United States Department of Health and Human Services, the Governor, Senate President, House Speaker, the Miami-Dade State Legislative Delegation, and the Surgeon General and Secretary of the Florida Department of Health.

Section 3. Directs the County's federal and state lobbyists to advocate for the actions 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 and State Legislative Packages when they are presented to the Board.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner 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:

Jean Monestime, Chairman
Esteban L. Bovo, Jr., Vice Chairman

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

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 19th day of July, 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

Approved by County Attorney as to form and legal sufficiency. _____

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

Annery Pulgar Alfonso