MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(4)

TO:	Honorable Chairman Jean Monestime and Members, Board of County Commissioners	**DATE:**	October 18, 2016
FROM:	Abigail Price-Williams County Attorney	**SUBJECT:**	Resolution urging the Governor and Agency for Health Care Administration to extend the Low Income Pool beyond June 30, 2017; urging the Florida Legislature to enact legislation to extend the Low Income Pool; further urging the Florida Association of Counties to support the extension of the Low Income Pool

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

Abigail Price-Williams for
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**

_____ **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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10-18-16

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION URGING THE GOVERNOR AND AGENCY FOR HEALTH CARE ADMINISTRATION TO EXTEND THE LOW INCOME POOL BEYOND JUNE 30, 2017; URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO ENACT LEGISLATION TO EXTEND THE LOW INCOME POOL; FURTHER URGING THE FLORIDA ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES TO SUPPORT THE EXTENSION OF THE LOW INCOME POOL

WHEREAS, in 2005 the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services ("CMS") approved the Low Income Pool ("LIP") in Florida, thereby creating a supplemental Medicaid program to ensure continued government support for the provision of health care services to Medicaid, underinsured, and uninsured populations; and

WHEREAS, while LIP is not a standalone health coverage program, it was created to support health care services to the uninsured provided by safety net hospitals and county health departments; and

WHEREAS, LIP funds may be used for health care expenditures incurred by the state, hospitals, clinics, or other provider types for uncompensated medical care costs of medical services for uninsured individuals; and

WHEREAS, the LIP program distributed $1 billion a year from 2005 until the program was renewed in 2014, at which point funding grew to $2.17 billion; and

WHEREAS, in 2015, the federal government advised Florida that it would renew the LIP program for another two years, but reduce spending to $1 billion in fiscal year 2015-16 and $608 million in fiscal years 2016-17; and

WHEREAS, Governor Rick Scott and the Agency for Health Care Administration recently announced that Florida would forego its fair share of federal health care funding by not seeking additional federal funding or renewing the LIP program beyond June 30, 2017; and

WHEREAS, the loss of LIP funds will result in hospitals losing access to approximately $371 million in federal Medicaid dollars; and

WHEREAS, the loss of such funds will impact health care services for low income residents of Miami-Dade County in a substantially negative manner; and

WHEREAs, this Board supports an extension of the LIP program because it provides a critical and much needed safety net to ensure that low-income residents in our community are provided with adequate health care,

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 the Agency for Health Care Administration to request an extension of the Low Income Pool beyond June 30, 2017.

Section 2. Urges the Florida Legislature to enact legislation to extend the Low Income Pool beyond June 30, 2017.

Section 3. Urges the Florida Association of Counties to support the extension of the Low Income Pool past its expiration of June 30, 2017.

Section 4. Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the Governor, Senate President, House Speaker, the Chair and Members of the Miami-Dade State Legislative Delegation, the Secretary of the Agency for Health Care Administration, and the Executive Director of the Florida Association of Counties.

Section 5. Directs the County's state lobbyists to advocate for the issues raised in Sections 1 and 2 above, and authorizes and directs the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs to include this item in the 2017 State 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	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 18th day of October, 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. MJM 6r

Javier Zapata