

# MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(4)

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

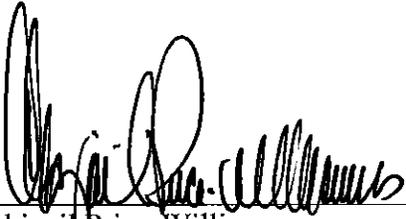
**DATE:** November 15, 2016

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

**SUBJECT:** Resolution urging the United  
States Congress to provide  
funding for fertility services  
for wounded veterans

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The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner José "Pepe" Diaz.

  
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Abigail Price-Williams  
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

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Veto \_\_\_\_\_

11-15-16

Override \_\_\_\_\_

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

RESOLUTION URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS  
TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR FERTILITY SERVICES FOR  
WOUNDED VETERANS

**WHEREAS**, thousands of troops have suffered severe genital and spinal injuries that affect their reproductive abilities; and

**WHEREAS**, troops suffering from these injuries require fertility counseling or treatment, or must adopt if they want to become parents or have more children; and

**WHEREAS**, during the 114th United States Congress, legislation sponsored by Senator Patty Murray (D-WA) was passed authorizing the United States Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to provide in vitro fertilization treatments and other reproductive services to wounded veterans; and

**WHEREAS**, however, the legislation did not provide any additional funding for in vitro fertilization treatments and other reproductive services; and

**WHEREAS**, our troops sacrifice life and limb to protect our country, and our goal must be to restore their health and improve the quality of their lives when they return home; and

**WHEREAS**, funding fertility services for wounded veterans would help meet this goal; and

**WHEREAS**, this Board would like to urge the United States Congress to fund fertility services for veterans who have suffered combat wounds affecting their reproductive abilities,

**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 to fund fertility services for wounded veterans.

**Section 2.** Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit certified copies of this resolution to Senator Patty Murray, and the Members of the Florida Congressional Delegation.

**Section 3.** Directs the County's federal lobbyists to advocate for the action described 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 add this item to the 2017 Federal Legislative Package when it is presented to the Board.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Jose "Pepe" Diaz. 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 15<sup>th</sup> day of November, 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.

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