

# MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(28)

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**TO:** Honorable Chairman Esteban L. Bovo, Jr.  
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

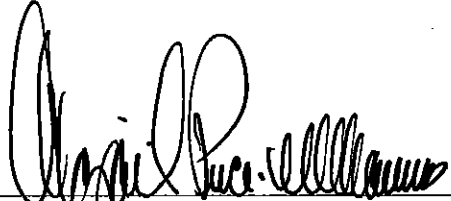
**DATE:** October 3, 2017

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

**SUBJECT:** Resolution urging the Florida  
Legislature to appropriate  
funding to expand the services  
offered at the Florida Department  
of Health in Miami-Dade  
County's Frederica Wilson and  
Juanita Mann Health Center to  
include dental and pediatric  
services

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

  
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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
- 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 \_\_\_\_\_

10-3-17

Override \_\_\_\_\_

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

RESOLUTION URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO APPROPRIATE FUNDING TO EXPAND THE SERVICES OFFERED AT THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY'S FREDERICA WILSON AND JUANITA MANN HEALTH CENTER TO INCLUDE DENTAL AND PEDIATRIC SERVICES

**WHEREAS**, the Frederica Wilson and Juanita Mann Health Center ("Health Center") operated by the Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County is a 10,000 square foot facility within walking distance for 75,000 people in Liberty City; and

**WHEREAS**, the Health Center provides primary adult health care, adult health screenings, wellness education and a nutrition program for women, infants and children; and

**WHEREAS**, pediatric health care and dental services are not currently provided by the Health Center; and

**WHEREAS**, according to the U.S. Census Bureau 20 percent of the population in Miami-Dade County is under 18 years old; and

**WHEREAS**, children's health depends on access to health care including, but not limited to, physical examinations, preventative care, health education, observations, screenings, immunizations, and sick care; and

**WHEREAS**, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ("CDC") reports that a child who receives treatment timely and appropriately uses pediatric care; and

**WHEREAS**, the CDC reports that about 4 percent of children had no usual source of care, a particular person or place for preventative and sick care; and

**WHEREAS**, increased access to pediatric health services in Liberty City is vital to provide our children a location to receive care; and

**WHEREAS**, individuals with the least access to dental services have greater rates of oral disease; and

**WHEREAS**, untreated oral disease can lead to pain, dysfunction, infection and cause serious health consequences including death; and

**WHEREAS**, the Surgeon General of the United States reported that tooth decay is the most common chronic childhood disease and inhibits eating, speaking and learning in children; and

**WHEREAS**, tooth decay and dental disease is largely preventable through effective health promotion, dental treatments and dental disease prevention programs which can be provided through the proposed expansion of the Health Center; and

**WHEREAS**, increased access to oral health services is vitally important to overall health and well-being; and

**WHEREAS**, an increase in access to pediatric health and dental services will decrease the number of school days missed, increase compliance with vaccinations, decrease local hospital emergency room visits and hospitalizations related to childhood chronic diseases, decrease the use of local hospital emergency departments for the treatment of unnecessary dental care and will decrease the total oral health related charges billed to Medicaid and Medicare; and

**WHEREAS**, this Board supports the expansion of the Frederica Wilson and Juanita Mann Health Center to include pediatric and dental services,

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

**Section 1.** Urges the Florida Legislature to appropriate funding to expand the services offered at the Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County's Frederica Wilson and Juanita Mann Health Center to include pediatric and dental services.

**Section 2.** Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the Governor, Senate President, House Speaker, and the Chair and Members of the Miami-Dade County State Legislative Delegation.

**Section 3.** Directs the County's state lobbyists to advocate for the appropriation set forth in Section 1 above, and authorizes and directs the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs to include this item in the 2018 State Legislative Package when it is presented to the Board.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Jean Monestime. 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:

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

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of October, 2017. 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