

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(1)

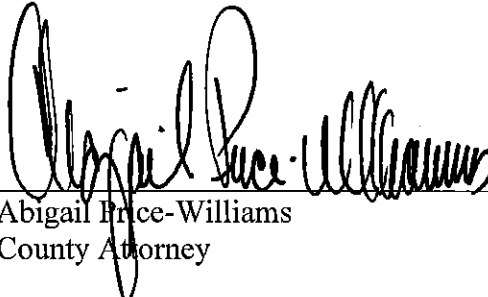
TO: Honorable Chairman Esteban L. Bovo, Jr.
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: December 19, 2017

FROM: Abigail Price-Williams
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution urging The United States Congress to enact S. 473, H.R.3272, or similar legislation that would award grants to institutions of higher education for the establishment, maintenance, improvement and operation of Veteran Student Centers

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


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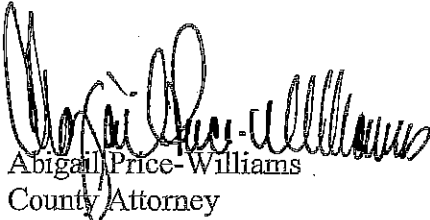
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Please note any items checked.

- "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 _____

12-19-17

Override _____

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS
TO ENACT S. 473, H.R. 3272, OR SIMILAR LEGISLATION
THAT WOULD AWARD GRANTS TO INSTITUTIONS OF
HIGHER EDUCATION FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT,
MAINTENANCE, IMPROVEMENT AND OPERATION OF
VETERAN STUDENT CENTERS

WHEREAS, an increasing number of veterans are attending higher education institutions after completing their tours of duty; and

WHEREAS, veterans often face unique challenges adapting to academic life including being older students, balancing academics with other responsibilities such as family and employment obligations and coping with physical or psychological challenges resulting from military service; and

WHEREAS, fellow veterans are an important source of support for veterans adapting to academic life; and

WHEREAS, in 2010, the U.S. Department of Education issued grants to eligible colleges and universities to establish on campus Centers of Excellence for Veteran Student Success (Veteran Student Centers"); and

WHEREAS, the Veteran Student Centers are lounges located on college and university campuses for the exclusive use of veterans; and

WHEREAS, Veteran Student Centers are staffed by student veterans and provide veterans an opportunity to socialize with peers and gather academic, financial and social information tailored to student veterans; and

WHEREAS, the U. S. Department of Education has not issued or funded grants to establish and maintain Veteran Student Centers since 2015; and

WHEREAS, budget constraints for institutions of higher education are likely to impact existing Veteran Student Centers and prevent the establishment of new Veteran Student Centers; and

WHEREAS, S. 473, a bill entitled Educational Development for Troops and Veterans Act of 2017, was introduced by United States Senator Jon Tester (D-Montana) for consideration during the 115th Congress; and

WHEREAS, H.R. 3272, a bill entitled the Veteran Education Empowerment Act, was introduced by United States Representative Lois Frankel (D-Florida) for consideration during the 115th Congress; and

WHEREAS, S. 473 and H.R. 3272 are bills authorizing the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to award grants to institutions of higher education for the establishment, maintenance, improvement and operation of Veteran Student Centers; and

WHEREAS, under S. 473 and H.R. 3272 eligible institutions of higher education may receive an award that would require the institution to build, maintain, and improve college veteran education centers; and

WHEREAS, this Board supports S.473, H.R. 3272 or similar legislation that would provide grants for Student Veteran Centers,

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 enact S. 473, H.R. 3272 or similar legislation that would award grants to institutions of higher education for the establishment, maintenance, improvement and operation of Veteran Student Centers.

Section 2. Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the President, Members of the Miami-Dade County Congressional Delegation and the Secretary of the Department of Veteran Affairs.

Section 3. Directs the County's federal lobbyists to advocate for the legislative action set forth in Sections 1 above and authorizes and directs the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs to amend the 2018 Federal Legislative Package to include this item.

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:

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 19th day of December, 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.

GKS for SVC

Suzanne Villano-Charif

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