

# MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(20)

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

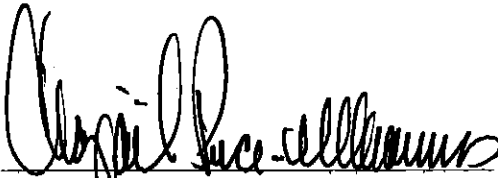
**DATE:** January 23, 2018

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

**SUBJECT:** Resolution urging the United  
States Congress to pass H.R.  
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The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Jose "Pepe" Diaz.

  
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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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1-23-18

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

RESOLUTION URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS  
TO PASS H.R. 4345, A BILL ENTITLED THE VETERAN  
TREATMENT COURT COORDINATION ACT OF 2017, OR  
SIMILAR LEGISLATION

**WHEREAS**, on November 9, 2017 United States Representatives Charlie Crist (D – Florida) and Jeff Denham (R – California) introduced H.R. 4345, a bill entitled the Veteran Treatment Court Coordination Act of 2017, for consideration during the 115th Congress; and

**WHEREAS**, the bill has been cosponsored by 40 Congressmen, including Representative Mario Diaz-Balart (R – Florida); and

**WHEREAS**, the bill would direct the Attorney General, in conjunction with the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, to carry out a Veterans Treatment Court Program to provide grants and technical assistance to state circuit court systems in order to develop and maintain veterans treatment courts across the country; and

**WHEREAS**, veterans treatment courts are programs aimed at helping veterans charged with non-violent crimes receive the help and benefits for which they are entitled, including counseling, care, and support in transitioning to civilian life; and

**WHEREAS**, veterans' unique needs and challenges are not readily met by the traditional criminal justice system, and veteran treatment courts across the nation will assist veterans experiencing mental health issues, substance abuse, and homelessness; and

**WHEREAS**, this Board is supportive of measures designed to keep veterans out of the criminal justice system and give them the help they need and deserve,

**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 pass H.R. 4345, a bill entitled the Veteran Treatment Court Coordination Act of 2017, or similar legislation.

**Section 2.** Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to United States Representatives Charlie Crist, Jeff Denham, and Mario Diaz-Balart, and the remaining members of the Florida Congressional Delegation.

**Section 3.** Directs the County's federal lobbyists to advocate for the legislative action described in Section 1 above, and authorizes and directs the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs to include this item in the 2018 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:

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 23<sup>rd</sup> day of January, 2018. 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.

Javier Zapata

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