

# MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(17)

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and Members, Board of County Commissioners

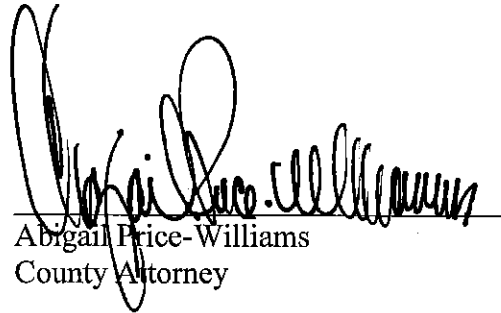
**DATE:** September 5, 2018

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

**SUBJECT:** Resolution urging the United States Congress to enact H.R. 5191 or similar legislation to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish Alzheimer's disease research, education, and clinical centers

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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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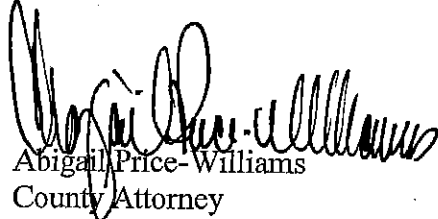


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Please note any items checked.

- "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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RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

RESOLUTION URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS  
TO ENACT H.R. 5191 OR SIMILAR LEGISLATION TO  
DIRECT THE SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS TO  
ESTABLISH ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE RESEARCH,  
EDUCATION, AND CLINICAL CENTERS

**WHEREAS**, dementia is a general term for disorders involving a decline in memory, thinking, judgment, and learning ability; and

**WHEREAS**, Alzheimer's disease is the sixth leading cause of death in the United States, with death usually coming as a result of secondary infections such as pneumonia and bladder infections, which are common in incapacitated patients, as well as the inability to follow medical instructions; and

**WHEREAS**, at present, there is no cure for Alzheimer's disease; and

**WHEREAS**, the United States Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) provides dementia care including Alzheimer's disease care through the VA health system; and

**WHEREAS**, VA researchers have long been interested in Alzheimer's disease; and

**WHEREAS**, a 2014 study by researchers from the San Francisco VA Health Care System and the University of California, San Francisco, found that veterans over the age of 55 who had been captured and interned as Prisoners of War had about a 50 percent greater risk of developing dementia in later life; and

**WHEREAS**, according to the same study, those veterans who had been both prisoners of war and developed posttraumatic stress disorder had more than double the risk of developing dementia in later life; and

**WHEREAS**, according to the same study, veterans who had a diagnosis of traumatic brain injury had a 60 percent greater risk of developing dementia over a nine-year period, compared with veterans of the same age who had not suffered a traumatic brain injury; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 7, 2018, Congressman Mike Coffman (R-Colorado) introduced House of Representatives (H.R.) 5191 for consideration during the 115th Congress; and

**WHEREAS**, H.R. 5191 would amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish Alzheimer's Disease research, education, and clinical centers; and

**WHEREAS**, this bill is currently pending before the 115<sup>th</sup> Congress; and

**WHEREAS**, this Board supports the United States military personnel and our veterans;  
and

**WHEREAS**, this Board supports Alzheimer's disease research and education,

**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 H.R. 5191, or similar legislation that directs the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish Alzheimer's disease research, education, and clinical centers.

**Section 2.** Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the members of the Miami-Dade County Congressional Delegation and the U.S. Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

**Section 3.** Directs the County's federal lobbyists to advocate for the action set forth in Section 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	
Daniella Levine Cava	Jose "Pepe" Diaz
Sally A. Heyman	Eileen Higgins
Barbara J. Jordan	Joe A. Martinez
Jean Monestime	Dennis C. Moss
Rebeca Sosa	Sen. Javier D. Souto
Xavier L. Suarez	

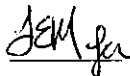
The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 5<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2018. This resolution shall become effective upon the earlier of (1) 10 days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the County Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon 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.



James Eddie Kirtley