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Agenda Item No. 11(A)(9)
03-20-07

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CLERK OF THE BOARD
OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

RESOLUTION NO. R-353-07

RESOLUTION URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO REQUIRE FLORIDA SCHOOLS TO PROVIDE INFORMATION TO 11- AND 12-YEAR OLD GIRLS AND THEIR PARENTS ABOUT HUMAN PAPILLOMAVIRUS (HPV), THE VACCINE AGAINST HPV THAT IS NOW AVAILABLE, AND CERVICAL CANCER THAT RESULTS FROM HPV; PROVIDE STATE FUNDING THAT WOULD ALLOW ANY 11- OR 12-YEAR OLD GIRL IN THE STATE TO BE VACCINATED FOR HPV IF HER PARENTS APPROVE, BUT NOT REQUIRE SUCH A VACCINE FOR SCHOOL ATTENDANCE; AND REQUIRE HEALTH INSURANCE POLICIES AND HEALTH MAINTENANCE CONTRACTS THAT COVER FEMALES UNDER THE AGE 18 TO PROVIDE COVERAGE FOR THE HPV VACCINE

WHEREAS, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention indicates that approximately 20 million people are currently infected with human papillomavirus (HPV); and

WHEREAS, certain types of HPV can cause cell changes that can lead to cervical cancer, which is the second most frequently diagnosed cancer among women; and

WHEREAS, the FDA has recently approved an HPV vaccine for girls and women age 9 to 26; and

WHEREAS, the federal Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices recommends routine HPV vaccination in girls 11 and 12 years old; and

WHEREAS, the vaccine has been shown in clinical trials to be 100 percent effective at preventing disease from two types of HPV that are responsible for approximately 70 percent of all cervical cancers; and

WHEREAS, HPV immunization of 11- and 12-year old girls would contribute significantly to preventing cervical cancer; and

WHEREAS, bills have been filed for the 2007 state legislative session, SB 660 by Senator Mike Fasano and HB 561 by Representative Susan Bucher, that would require public and private middle schools in the State of Florida to provide information to 11- and 12-year old students and their parents about HPV, the vaccine and cervical cancer; and

WHEREAS, these bills go on to make such vaccinations mandatory by prohibiting girls from being admitted into school unless they have been vaccinated for HPV; and

WHEREAS, another proposal would provide state funding so that any 11- or 12-year old girl in the state would have the option to be vaccinated for HPV if her parents approve, but would not mandate such a vaccine; and

WHEREAS, still another proposal would require health insurance policies and health maintenance contracts to provide coverage for the HPV vaccine to females under the age 18; and

WHEREAS, vaccines that are mandated for school attendance usually are for diseases easily spread through casual contact, such as measles and mumps; and

WHEREAS, mandatory vaccinations may run counter to parental rights to make important decisions about their children's health and safety; and

WHEREAS, the vaccination against HPV is a new drug, and in some cases such as Vioxx, a drug's serious side effects may emerge only after they are in wide use,

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:

- Require public and private middle schools in Florida to provide information to 11- and 12-year old girls and their parents about HPV, the available vaccine against HPV and cervical cancer;

- Provide state funding that would allow any 11- or 12-year old girl in the state to be vaccinated for HPV if her parents so desire, but not require such a vaccine for school attendance;

- Require health insurance policies and health maintenance contracts that cover females under the age 18 to provide coverage for the HPV vaccine; and

- Refrain from making such a vaccination mandatory; and not require all 11- or 12-year old girls in the state to be vaccinated for HPV before being admitted to school.

Section 2. Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit a certified copy of this resolution ~~to~~ the Governor, Senate President, House Speaker, Senator Mike Fasano, Representative Susan Bucher, 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 passage of the legislation set forth in Section 1 above, and directs the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs to include this item in the 2007 State Legislative Package.

The foregoing resolution was sponsored by Commissioner Dorrin D. Rolle and offered by Commissioner Sally A. Heyman, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jose "Pepe" Diaz and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Bruno A. Barreiro, Chairman aye
Barbara J. Jordan, Vice-Chairwoman aye

Jose "Pepe" Diaz	aye	Audrey M. Edmonson	aye
Carlos A. Gimenez	aye	Sally A. Heyman	aye
Joe A. Martinez	aye	Dennis C. Moss	aye
Dorrin D. Rolle	aye	Natacha Seijas	aye
Katy Sorenson	aye	Rebeca Sosa	aye
Sen. Javier D. Souto	aye		

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 20th day of March, 2007. This resolution shall become effective ten (10) days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA
BY ITS BOARD OF
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

HARVEY RUVIN, CLERK

By: KAY SULLIVAN
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency. JMM

Jess M. McCarty

MEMORANDUM

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TO: Honorable Chairman Bruno A. Barreiro and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: March 20, 2007

FROM: Murray A. Greenberg
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution urging Florida Legislature to require Florida Schools to provide information to 11 & 12 year old girls and their parents about Human Papilloma Virus

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Commissioner Dorrin D. Rolle.

Murray A. Greenberg
County Attorney

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MEMORANDUM

(Revised)

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Please note any items checked.

_____ **"4-Day Rule" ("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**

_____ **Bid waiver requiring County Manager's written recommendation**

_____ **Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Manager's report for public hearing**

_____ **Housekeeping item (no policy decision required)**

_____ **No committee review**

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