Approved _____ Mayor
Veto _____
Override _____

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(55)
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CLERK OF THE BOARD
OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

RESOLUTION NO. R-476-07

RESOLUTION URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO ENACT THE BREAST CANCER PATIENT PROTECTION ACT OF 2007

WHEREAS, the Breast Cancer Patient Protection Act of 2007 ("the Act") would end the practice of "drive-through" mastectomies, where women are sometimes forced to leave the hospital just hours following their physically and emotionally difficult surgeries even if they and their doctors feel they are not ready to go home; and

WHEREAS, this Act would ensure a minimum hospital stay of 48 hours to any woman following a mastectomy; and

WHEREAS, the Act does not mandate a 48 hour hospital stay nor does it set 48 hours as a maximum amount of time a woman can stay in the hospital; and

WHEREAS, the Act does ensure that any decision in favor of a shorter or longer hospital stay will be made by the patient and her doctor; and

WHEREAS, U.S. Senators Mary Landrieu (D-LA) and Olympia Snowe (R-ME), together with Congresswoman Rosa L. DeLauro (D-CT), filed the Breast Cancer Patient Protection Act of 2007, which enjoys bipartisan support; and

WHEREAS, the Act is supported by the American College of Surgeons; American Medical Association; Association of Women's Health, Obstetric and Neonatal Nurses; Families USA; Oncology Nursing Society; Society for Women's Health Research; The Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation and the Y-Me National Breast Cancer Organization; and

WHEREAS, the Breast Cancer Patient Protection Act of 2007 has 15 cosponsors in the Senate and 137 cosponsors in the House,

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 the Breast Cancer Patient Protection Act of 2007, or similar legislation.

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.

Section 3. Directs the County's federal 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 Federal Legislative Package.

The foregoing resolution was sponsored by Commissioner Rebeca Sosa and Commissioner Katy Sorenson and offered by Commissioner Carlos A. Gimenez, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Dennis C. Moss 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	absent
Carlos A. Gimenez	aye	Sally A. Heyman	absent
Joe A. Martinez	aye	Dennis C. Moss	aye
Dorrin D. Rolle	aye	Natacha Seijas	absent
Katy Sorenson	aye	Rebeca Sosa	aye
Sen. Javier D. Souto	aye		

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 24th day of April, 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: April 24, 2007

FROM: Murray A. Greenberg
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution urging U.S. Congress to enact the Breast Cancer Patient Protection Act of 2007

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Commissioner Rebeca Sosa and Commissioner Katy Sorenson.

Murray A. Greenberg
County Attorney

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MEMORANDUM

(Revised)

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

DATE: April 24, 2007

FROM: Murray A. Greenberg County Attorney

SUBJECT: Agenda Item No. 11(A)(55)

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**