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OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

MEMORANDUM Agenda Item No. 11(A)(3)

TO: Honorable Chairman Joe A. Martinez and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: April 17, 2012

FROM: R. A. Cuevas, Jr. County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution urging the United States Congress to enact H.R. 1513, S. 810 the Great Ape Protection and Cost Savings Act of 2011

Resolution No. R-342-12

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Barbara J. Jordan.

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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**

✓ **Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Manager'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 URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO ENACT H.R. 1513, S. 810, THE GREAT APE PROTECTION AND COST SAVINGS ACT OF 2011, OR SIMILAR LEGISLATION BANNING INVASIVE RESEARCH ON CHIMPANZEES, PROHIBITING THE TRANSPORT OF CHIMPANZEES FOR PURPOSES OF INVASIVE RESEARCH, PROHIBITING THE BREEDING OF CHIMPANZEES FOR PURPOSES OF INVASIVE RESEARCH, AND REQUIRING THE PROVISION OF LIFETIME CARE OF CHIMPANZEES IN A SUITABLE SANCTUARY, SUCH AS CHIMP HAVEN, THROUGH THE PERMANENT RETIREMENT OF CHIMPANZEES

WHEREAS, chimpanzees are the only great apes currently used in invasive research in the United States; and

WHEREAS, invasive research on chimpanzees is banned in every country in the world except the United States and one nation in Africa; and

WHEREAS, there are approximately 1,000 chimpanzees housed in laboratories in the United States; and

WHEREAS, more than half of these chimpanzees are owned by the federal government; and

WHEREAS, the vast majority are financially supported by the federal government; and

WHEREAS, invasive research may cause death, injury, and/or pain; and

WHEREAS, chimpanzees are highly intelligent and social animals; and

WHEREAS, research laboratory environments involving invasive research cannot meet the complex physical, social, and psychological needs of chimpanzees; and

WHEREAS, maintaining chimpanzees in laboratories costs the federal government more than caring for chimpanzees in suitable sanctuaries that are specifically designed to provide adequate lifetime care for chimpanzees; and

WHEREAS, the National Research Council report entitled 'Chimpanzees in Research--Strategies for their Ethical Care, Management, and Use' concluded that: 1. there is a moral responsibility for the long-term care of chimpanzees used for scientific research; 2. there should be a moratorium on further chimpanzee breeding; 3. euthanasia should not be used as a means to control the size of the great ape population; and 4. sanctuaries should be created to house chimpanzees in a manner consistent with high standards of lifetime care, social enrichment, and cognitive development; and

WHEREAS, bills have been filed for consideration during the 112th Congress, H.R. 1513 by Representative Roscoe G. Bartlett (R – Maryland) and S. 810 by Senator Maria Cantwell (D – Washington) entitled the Great Ape Protection and Cost Savings Act of 2011; and

WHEREAS, this Board would like to express its support for these bills,

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. 1513, S. 810, the Great Ape Protection and Cost Savings Act of 2011, or similar legislation banning invasive research on chimpanzees; prohibiting the transport of chimpanzees for purposes of invasive research; prohibiting the breeding of chimpanzees for purposes of invasive research; and requiring the provision of lifetime care of chimpanzees in a suitable sanctuary, such as Chimp Haven, through the permanent retirement of chimpanzees.

Section 2. Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the members of the Florida Congressional Delegation, Senator Maria Cantwell and Representative Roscoe G. Bartlett.

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 2012 Federal Legislative Package.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Barbara J. Jordan. It was offered by Commissioner **Rebeca Sosa**, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **Audrey Edmonson** and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Joe A. Martinez, Chairman	**aye**		
Audrey M. Edmonson, Vice Chairwoman	**aye**		
Bruno A. Barreiro	**aye**	Lynda Bell	**aye**
Esteban L. Bovo, Jr.	**aye**	Jose "Pepe" Diaz	**absent**
Sally A. Heyman	**aye**	Barbara J. Jordan	**absent**
Jean Monestime	**aye**	Dennis C. Moss	**aye**
Rebeca Sosa	**aye**	Sen. Javier D. Souto	**absent**
Xavier L. Suarez	**absent**		

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 17th day of April, 2012. 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: ***Christopher Agrippa***
Deputy Clerk

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

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