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OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

MEMORANDUM Agenda Item No. 11(A)(13)

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

DATE: September 4, 2012

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

SUBJECT: Resolution urging the Florida Department of Health and the Miami-Dade County Health Department to investigate and determine whether a cancer cluster exists in the vicinity of Northwest 36th Avenue and Northwest 86th Street in Miami-Dade County; and if such a cancer cluster does exist, to refer this matter for appropriate environmental tests to determine possible causes

Resolution No. R-722-12

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Co-Prime Sponsors Commissioner Jean Monestime and 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 FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT TO INVESTIGATE AND DETERMINE WHETHER A CANCER CLUSTER EXISTS IN THE VICINITY OF NORTHWEST 36TH AVENUE AND NORTHWEST 86TH STREET IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY; AND IF SUCH A CANCER CLUSTER DOES EXIST, TO REFER THIS MATTER FOR APPROPRIATE ENVIRONMENTAL TESTS TO DETERMINE POSSIBLE CAUSES

WHEREAS, based on anecdotal evidence, it is possible that an unusually high number of residents who live in the vicinity of Northwest 36th Street and Northwest 86th Street have had cancer; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Department of Health and the Miami-Dade County Health Department have the capability to investigate and determine whether there is in fact a cancer cluster in this area of Miami-Dade County; and

WHEREAS, if the Department of Health were to find that there is a cancer cluster in this area of Miami-Dade County, that information could be used to design and recommend specific environmental testing to determine possible causes of such cancer; and

WHEREAS, the findings of the Department of Health on this matter may be of great interest to the residents of Miami-Dade County and could influence future policy decisions for the area,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that:

Section 1. This Board urges the Florida Department of Health, and specifically the Miami-Dade Department of Health, to investigate and determine whether there is a cancer cluster

among residents in the vicinity of Northwest 36th Avenue and Northwest 86th Street in Miami-Dade County.

Section 2. If the Florida Department of Health finds that such a cancer cluster does in fact exist, this Board urges the Department of Health to refer this matter for appropriate environmental testing to determine possible causes of any such cancer cluster.

Section 3. The Clerk of the Board is directed to transmit a copy of this resolution to the Florida Surgeon General and the Administrator of the Miami-Dade County Health Department.

The Co-Prime Sponsors of the foregoing resolution are Commissioner Jean Monestime and Commissioner Barbara J. Jordan. It was offered by Commissioner **José "Pepe" Diaz**, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **Audrey M. 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	**aye**
Sally A. Heyman	**aye**	Barbara J. Jordan	**aye**
Jean Monestime	**absent**	Dennis C. Moss	**aye**
Rebeca Sosa	**aye**	Sen. Javier D. Souto	**aye**
Xavier L. Suarez	**absent**		

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 4th day of September, 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.

Abbie Schwaderer-Raurell