

## MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A) (20)

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**TO:** Honorable Chairwoman Rebeca Sosa  
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

**DATE:** September 3, 2014

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

**SUBJECT:** Resolution urging Congress to  
allocate increased funding for  
pediatric cancer research  
Resolution No. R-788-14

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The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Chairwoman Rebeca Sosa.

  
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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 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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9-3-14

RESOLUTION NO. R-788-14

RESOLUTION URGING CONGRESS TO ALLOCATE  
INCREASED FUNDING FOR PEDIATRIC CANCER  
RESEARCH

**WHEREAS**, pediatric cancer (childhood cancer) is the leading cause of disease-related death among children and adolescents (ages 1 to 19 years) in the United States, according to the National Cancer Institute; and

**WHEREAS**, the causes of pediatric cancer are not well understood; and

**WHEREAS**, pediatric cancer spares no group, striking every ethnic and socioeconomic group in every country; and

**WHEREAS**, for some pediatric cancer types, survival rates remain low; and

**WHEREAS**, funding from both the private sector and the federal government for pediatric cancer research is scarce; and

**WHEREAS**, most cancer research funding from the federal government is devoted to adult cancers with only a small percentage devoted toward research on childhood cancers; and

**WHEREAS**, despite significant advances in adult cancer research, there has only been one drug approved specifically for pediatric cancer in the last 20 years; and

**WHEREAS**, cancer treatments for children are often toxic, leaving many child survivors with permanent disabilities, secondary cancers, and other lifelong challenges including poor educational attainment, less-than-optimal employment status, and interpersonal relationship issues; and

**WHEREAS**, increased research devoted to pediatric cancer is necessary not only to find cures for the different forms of pediatric cancer but also to find more humane, less toxic treatments; and

**WHEREAS**, on June 16, 2014, this Board adopted Resolution No. R-565-14 urging Congress to pass the "Bella Bill" which sets forth a procedure for testing new cancer drugs on pediatric cancers, thus increasing the chance of finding new, effective treatments for pediatric cancers; and

**WHEREAS**, in addition to passing the "Bella Bill," the Board desires to urge Congress to increase federal funding for pediatric cancer research,

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

Section 1. Urges Congress to allocate increased funding for pediatric cancer research.

Section 2. Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit certified copies of this resolution to the members of the Florida Congressional Delegation.

Section 3. Directs the County's federal lobbyists to advocate for the passage of the legislation as set forth in Section 1 above, and authorizes and directs the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs to amend the 2014 Federal Legislative Package to include this item and to include this item in the 2015 Federal Legislative Package when it is presented to the Board.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Chairwoman Rebeca Sosa. It was offered by Commissioner **Sally A. Heyman**, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **Lynda Bell** and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

	Rebeca Sosa, Chairwoman		<b>aye</b>
	Lynda Bell, Vice Chair		<b>aye</b>
Bruno A. Barreiro	<b>absent</b>	Esteban L. Bovo, Jr.	<b>aye</b>
Jose "Pepe" Diaz	<b>absent</b>	Audrey M. Edmonson	<b>aye</b>
Sally A. Heyman	<b>aye</b>	Barbara J. Jordan	<b>aye</b>
Jean Monestime	<b>aye</b>	Dennis C. Moss	<b>aye</b>
Sen. Javier D. Souto	<b>aye</b>	Xavier L. Suarez	<b>absent</b>
Juan C. Zapata	<b>aye</b>		

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of September, 2014. 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.

Brenda Kuhns Neuman