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MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(9)

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

DATE: December 16, 2014

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

SUBJECT: Resolution urging the Governor and Florida Legislature to fully fund elder meal programs/Local Service Providers in Miami-Dade County and opposing legislation that might result in reductions for funding of elder meal programs and Local Service Providers in Miami-Dade County

Resolution No. R-1129-14

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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12-16-14

RESOLUTION NO. R-1129-14

RESOLUTION URGING THE GOVERNOR AND FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO FULLY FUND ELDER MEAL PROGRAMS/LOCAL SERVICE PROVIDERS IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY AND OPPOSING LEGISLATION THAT MIGHT RESULT IN REDUCTIONS FOR FUNDING OF ELDER MEAL PROGRAMS AND LOCAL SERVICE PROVIDERS IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY

WHEREAS, adequate nutrition is critical to one's health and quality of life, thus it is an important component of home and community-based services for elderly people; and

WHEREAS, with nearly 5 million residents age 60 and older, Florida currently ranks first in the nation in percentage of residents who are elders; and

WHEREAS, Florida's senior population is expected to double to 9.7 million by 2030; and

WHEREAS, more than 1.6 million Floridians are age 75 and older, and Floridians age 85 and older is the fastest growing age group by percentage; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that more than 480,000 individuals in Florida are living with Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders (ADRD); and

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County has a rapidly growing elderly population with increasing needs; and

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County has the greatest number of residents age 60 and older of any county in the State; and

WHEREAS, there are more than 390,000 persons over the age of 65 living in Miami-Dade County; and

WHEREAS, Local Service Providers funds provide thousands of meals for the elderly in Miami-Dade County, and are the main source of funding for several senior centers in Miami-Dade County; and

WHEREAS, in addition to providing meals for the elderly, funding for Local Service Providers facilitates the engagement of the elderly in the community, because seniors who visit senior centers for meals have access to an array of services, including education, recreation, and health screenings; and

WHEREAS, for state fiscal year 2014-2015, the Florida Legislature and Governor Rick Scott fully funded elder meal programs/Local Service Providers in Miami-Dade County; and

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Agriculture forecasts that the cost of food will continue to increase in 2015; and

WHEREAS, there should be no greater funding priority than elder meal programs and other programs for the elderly in our community,

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

Section 1. Urges the Governor and Florida Legislature to fully fund elder meal programs/Local Service Providers in Miami-Dade County for state fiscal year 2015-2016.

Section 2. Opposes legislation that might result in reductions for funding of elder meal programs/Local Service Providers in Miami-Dade County.

Section 3. Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the Governor, Senate President, House Speaker, the Chair and Members of the Miami-Dade State Legislative Delegation, and the Secretary of the Florida Department of Elder Affairs.

Section 4. Directs the County's state lobbyists to advocate for the funding indicated in Section 1 above.

Section 5. Directs the County's state lobbyists to advocate against the passage of the legislation as set forth in Section 2 above.

Section 6. Authorizes and directs the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs to amend the 2015 State Legislative Package to include this item.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Chairwoman Rebeca Sosa. It was offered by Commissioner **Esteban L. Bovo, Jr.**, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **Xavier L. Suarez** and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Rebeca Sosa, Chairwoman **aye**

Bruno A. Barreiro	**aye**	Esteban L. Bovo, Jr.	**aye**
Daniella Levine Cava	**aye**	Jose "Pepe" Diaz	**aye**
Audrey M. Edmonson	**aye**	Sally A. Heyman	**aye**
Barbara J. Jordan	**aye**	Jean Monestime	**aye**
Dennis C. Moss	**aye**	Sen. Javier D. Souto	**absent**
Xavier L. Suarez	**aye**	Juan C. Zapata	**aye**

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 16th day of December, 2014. This resolution shall become effective upon the earlier of (1) 10 days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the County Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board, or (2) approval by the County Mayor of this Resolution and the filing of this approval with the Clerk of the 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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