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OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(5)

TO: Honorable Chairman Jean Monestime and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: February 17, 2016

FROM: Abigail Price-Williams County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution urging Congress to allocate funding for firefighter cancer research at the University of Miami Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Center

Resolution No. R-169-16

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

Abigail Price-Williams
County Attorney

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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**

_____ **Statement of social equity 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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RESOLUTION NO. R-169-16

RESOLUTION URGING CONGRESS TO ALLOCATE FUNDING FOR FIREFIGHTER CANCER RESEARCH AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI SYLVESTER COMPREHENSIVE CANCER CENTER

WHEREAS, firefighters suffer a higher rate of cancer, especially respiratory and digestive cancers, compared to the general population, according to a large-scale, multi-year study led by the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health; and

WHEREAS, the University of Miami Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Center has announced a new research partnership with the Miami-Dade County Fire Department and the Palm Beach County Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, the partnership will be the first study focused not only on defining the risks of cancer posed to firefighters, but also on finding ways to reduce those risks and shield firefighters from absorbing the dangerous chemicals associated with their jobs; and

WHEREAS, the State of Florida has allocated nearly $1 million in funding to this partnership; and

WHEREAS, this allocation is expected to fund the partnership for its first year, but additional funding is needed for the following years of the study; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to urge Congress to fund firefighter cancer research at the University of Miami Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Center,

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 funding for firefighter cancer research at University of Miami Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Center.

Section 2. Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the members of the Florida Congressional Delegation and the United States Secretary of Health & Human Services.

Section 3. Directs the County's federal lobbyists to advocate for the funding in Section 1, and directs the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs to include this item in the 2016 Federal Legislative Package when it is presented to the Board.

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

Jean Monestime, Chairman **aye**
Esteban L. Bovo, Jr., Vice Chairman **aye**

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

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 17th day of February, 2016. 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.

Javier Zapata