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OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(6)

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

DATE: February 17, 2016

FROM: Abigail Price-Williams
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution urging the United States Congress and the Florida Legislature to allocate funding to combat the spread of the Zika virus in Miami-Dade County

Resolution No. R-170-16

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

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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-170-16

RESOLUTION URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS AND THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO ALLOCATE FUNDING TO COMBAT THE SPREAD OF THE ZIKA VIRUS IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY

WHEREAS, Zika virus disease is a disease caused by the Zika virus for which no known cure exists, causing fever, rashes, joint pain, and conjunctivitis; and

WHEREAS, infections in pregnant women have been linked to subsequent birth defects, including microcephaly; and

WHEREAS, the virus is primarily transmitted to humans from mosquitos; however, public health officials and epidemiologists alike have not been able to determine the full list of possible ways the virus may be transferred; and

WHEREAS, on February 3, 2016, Florida Governor Rick Scott declared a public health emergency in four counties where a case of Zika had been diagnosed, including Miami-Dade County, pursuant to the attached Executive Order Number 16-29; and

WHEREAS, because Florida currently has the capacity to test only 475 people for the Zika virus, Governor Scott also asked that the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention provide at least 1,000 Zika antibody tests for individuals, particularly pregnant women and new mothers, who have traveled to affected areas and displayed symptoms of Zika; and

WHEREAS, following the detection of a new case of the Zika virus in Broward County, Florida Governor Rick Scott asked the State Surgeon General to amend the declaration of public health emergency to include Broward County on February 4, 2016; and

WHEREAS, of the 12 Zika diagnoses statewide, four individuals have been identified in Miami-Dade County; and

WHEREAS, because the potential impact of the Zika virus is still relatively unknown, and in light of the significant harm that the virus may cause, this Board believes that steps must be taken to ensure that Miami-Dade County is prepared to combat the spread of the virus; and

WHEREAS, this Board has always supported measures taken to protect the health and safety of residents in Miami-Dade County,

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 and the Florida Legislature to allocate funding to combat the spread of the Zika virus in Miami-Dade County.

Section 2. Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit certified copies of this resolution to the Members of the Florida Congressional Delegation, the Governor, the Senate President, the House Speaker, and the Chair and Members of the Miami-Dade County State Legislative Delegation.

Section 3. Directs the County's federal and state lobbyists to advocate for the funding as set forth in Section 1 above, and authorizes and directs the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs to amend the 2016 State Legislative Package to include this item and 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. MP

Matthew Papkin

STATE OF FLORIDA

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 16-29

(Governor Scott Directs Public Health Emergency in Four Counties for Zika Virus)

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization declared a Public Health Emergency of International Concern related to the Zika virus on February 1, 2016; and

WHEREAS, there have been nine confirmed travel-related cases of the Zika virus in Florida (none of which have been pregnant women) in Miami-Dade, Hillsborough, Lee, and Santa Rosa Counties; and

WHEREAS, the Zika virus is transmitted by a bite from an infected Aedes mosquito and other transmittal methods are still being determined; and

WHEREAS, the Zika virus has been associated with microcephaly and neurological disorders including Guillain- Barré Syndrome; and

WHEREAS, instances of microcephaly and neurological disorders have been diagnosed in infants and are believed to have been contracted in utero as a result of the mother being bitten by an infected Aedes mosquito; and

WHEREAS, although Florida's current nine Zika cases were travel-related, Aedes mosquitos are common in Florida; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary and appropriate to take action to ensure that the Zika virus remains controlled, and that residents of Florida remain safe and healthy.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICK SCOTT, as Governor of Florida, by virtue of the authority vested in me by Article IV, Section 1(a) of the Florida Constitution and by the Public Health Act, and all other applicable laws, promulgate the following Executive Order, to take immediate effect:

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Section 1. Because of the foregoing conditions, I direct the State Health Officer and Surgeon General, Dr. John Armstrong, to declare a public health emergency in Miami-Dade, Hillsborough, Lee, and Santa Rosa Counties, pursuant to its authority in section 381.00315, Florida Statutes. The State Health Officer is authorized and directed to use his judgment as to the duration and the geographical boundaries of this public health emergency.

Section 2. In accordance with section 381.0011(7), Florida Statutes, I direct the State Health Officer to take any action necessary to protect the public health. Further, I direct the State Health Officer to immediately notify the Commissioner of Agriculture of this threat to public health pursuant to section 388.45, Florida Statutes. Furthermore, this statute authorizes the Commissioner of Agriculture to issue a mosquito declaration in Miami-Dade, Hillsborough, Lee and Santa Rosa Counties. Special attention shall be paid to residential areas, as CDC guidance indicates that backpack mosquito spray measures may be most effective.

Section 3. The State Health Officer is directed to follow the guidelines established by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ("CDC") in establishing protocols to control the spread of the Zika virus and educate the public on prevention.

Section 4. In accordance with section 381.0011(7), Florida Statutes, I designate the Florida Department of Health as the lead state agency to coordinate emergency response activities among the various state agencies and local governments. The State Health Officer, or his designee, shall advise the Executive Office of the Governor on the implementation of these emergency response activities.

Section 5. All actions taken by the State Health Officer with respect to this emergency before the issuance of this Executive Order are ratified.

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Section 6. I hereby direct the Florida Department of Health to make its own determinations as to further resources and information needed in the State from the CDC to combat the spread of Zika and other measures that may need to be taken to protect public health.

Section 7. I hereby direct the Department of Environmental Protection and the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission to support the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services in any way as it develops extensive mosquito control plans to contain the spread of this illness in partnership with Florida's counties, cities, and mosquito control districts.

Section 8. All agencies under the direction of the Governor are directed to fully cooperate with the Florida Department of Health, and any representative thereof in the furtherance of this Order. Agencies not under the direction of the Governor are requested to provide such assistance as is required.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Florida to be affixed, at Tallahassee, this 3rd day of February, 2016.

GOVERNOR

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TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

ATTEST:

SECRETARY OF STATE

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