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OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(16)

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

DATE: April 5, 2016

FROM: Abigail Price-Williams
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution supporting Senate Bill 524, a Federal Bill before the United States Congress, also known as the Comprehensive Addiction Recovery Act of 2015 or similar legislation that would convene a Pain Management Best Practices Inter-Agency Task Force and authorize the Attorney General to make grants to states, non-profit organizations and local governments and agencies

Resolution No. R-298-16

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 SUPPORTING SENATE BILL 524, A FEDERAL BILL BEFORE THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS, ALSO KNOWN AS THE COMPREHENSIVE ADDICTION RECOVERY ACT OF 2015 OR SIMILAR LEGISLATION THAT WOULD CONVENE A PAIN MANAGEMENT BEST PRACTICES INTER-AGENCY TASK FORCE AND AUTHORIZE THE ATTORNEY GENERAL TO MAKE GRANTS TO STATES, NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND AGENCIES

WHEREAS, heroin addiction is a growing concern in Miami-Dade County; and

WHEREAS, heroin-related deaths in Miami-Dade County have been steadily on the rise since 2011; and

WHEREAS, on February 12, 2015, United States Senator Sheldon Whitehouse (D – Rhode Island) introduced Senate Bill 524 ("SB 524"), entitled the Comprehensive Addiction Recovery Act of 2015, for consideration by the 114th United States Congress; and

WHEREAS, the Comprehensive Addiction Recovery Act of 2015 directs the Department of Health and Human Services ("HHS") to convene a Pain Management Best Practices Inter-Agency Task Force to develop: (1) best practices for pain management and prescribing pain medication, and (2) a strategy for disseminating such best practices; and

WHEREAS, the Comprehensive Addiction Recovery Act of 2015 also amends the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to authorize the Attorney General to make grants to states, non-profit organizations, local governments and agencies for the purpose of preventing substance abuse, educating the community about addiction and promoting treatment and recovery from substance abuse; and

WHEREAS, the grants authorized by the Comprehensive Addiction Recovery Act of 2015 could be utilized to fund programs that would assist in combating the County's current battle with heroin addiction; and

WHEREAS, United States Senator Marco Rubio has expressed his support for the Comprehensive Addiction Recovery Act of 2015,

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

Section 1. Supports SB 524, or similar legislation before the United States Congress that would direct the Department of Health and Human Services ("HHS") to convene a Pain Management Best Practices Inter-Agency Task Force and amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to authorize the Attorney General to make grants to states, non-profit organizations, local governments and agencies for the purpose of preventing substance abuse, educating the community about addiction and promoting treatment and recovery from substance abuse.

Section 2. Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit certified copies of this resolution to United States Senator Sheldon Whitehouse and the Chair and Members of the Florida Congressional Delegation.

Section 3. Directs the County's federal lobbyists to advocate for passage of legislation as set forth in Section 1 above, and authorizes 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 **Xavier L. Suarez** 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	**absent**	Daniella Levine Cava	**aye**
Jose "Pepe" Diaz	**aye**	Audrey M. Edmonson	**aye**
Sally A. Heyman	**aye**	Barbara J. Jordan	**aye**
Dennis C. Moss	**absent**	Rebeca Sosa	**aye**
Sen. Javier D. Souto	**absent**	Xavier L. Suarez	**aye**
Juan C. Zapata	**absent**		

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 5th day of April, 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.

Sabrina Levin