

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(9)

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

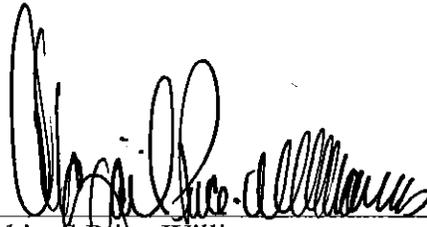
DATE: May 17, 2016

FROM: Abigail Price-Williams
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution urging the United States Congress and the United States Department of Veterans Affairs to allocate funding to support a new Veterans Affairs medical clinic in Homestead, Florida, to serve active duty, reserve and retired military personnel in South Miami-Dade County

Resolution No. R-417-16

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Daniella Levine Cava.



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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

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Veto _____

5-17-16

Override _____

RESOLUTION NO. R-417-16

RESOLUTION URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS AND THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS TO ALLOCATE FUNDING TO SUPPORT A NEW VETERANS AFFAIRS MEDICAL CLINIC IN HOMESTEAD, FLORIDA, TO SERVE ACTIVE DUTY, RESERVE AND RETIRED MILITARY PERSONNEL IN SOUTH MIAMI-DADE COUNTY

WHEREAS, the Veterans Health Administration is America’s largest integrated health care system with over 1,700 sites of care serving 8.76 million veterans each year; and

WHEREAS, the Homestead Veterans Affairs Community Based Outpatient Clinic rents a medical office that is inadequate to meet the needs of the increasing military and veteran population; and

WHEREAS, the Homestead Veterans Affairs Community Based Outpatient Clinic does not offer emergency services; and

WHEREAS, it is essential to provide full medical and post-traumatic stress disorder (“PTSD”) services for active duty, reserve and retired military personnel, including veterans and eligible families who reside in South Miami-Dade County, Florida; and

WHEREAS, a Homestead Veterans Affairs Community Based Outpatient Clinic in a new location funded and established in Homestead could meet the needs of more than 10,000 veterans, retired military, active duty personnel and eligible family members and offer emergency services; and

WHEREAS, Congresswoman Ileana Ros-Lehtinen (R – Florida) collaborated with the South Dade Chamber of Commerce Military Affairs Committee to promote efforts to establish a new Veterans Affairs clinic in Homestead, Florida; and

WHEREAS, the relocation of the current Homestead Veterans Affairs Community Based Outpatient Clinic would provide expanded services and convenient access for patients in South Miami-Dade County and Monroe County; and

WHEREAS, this Board desires to urge the United States Congress and the United States Department of Veterans Affairs to fund a new Veterans Affairs medical clinic in Homestead, Florida,

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 United States Department of Veterans Affairs to allocate funding to support a new Veterans Affairs medical clinic in Homestead, Florida to service active duty, reserve and retired military personnel in South Miami-Dade County.

Section 2. Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to Senators Bill Nelson and Marco Rubio, the members of the Miami-Dade County Congressional Delegation and the United States Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

Section 3. Directs the County's federal lobbyists to advocate for the funding set forth in Section 1 above, and authorizes and directs the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs to amend the 2016 Federal Legislative Package to include this item and to include this item in the 2017 Federal Legislative Package when it is presented to the Board.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Daniella Levine Cava. It was offered by Commissioner **Daniella Levine Cava** , who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **José "Pepe" Diaz** 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	aye	Audrey M. Edmonson	aye
Sally A. Heyman	absent	Barbara J. Jordan	aye
Dennis C. Moss	absent	Rebeca Sosa	aye
Sen. Javier D. Souto	aye	Xavier L. Suarez	absent
Juan C. Zapata	absent		

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

Christopher Agrippa

By: _____
Deputy Clerk



Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.

Suzanne Villano-Charif