

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(20)

TO: Honorable Chairman Esteban L. Bovo, Jr.
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

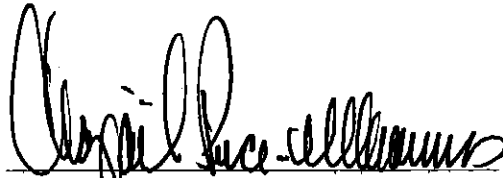
DATE: January 23, 2018

FROM: Abigail Price-Williams
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution urging the United States Congress to pass H.R. 4345, a bill entitled the Veteran Treatment Court Coordination Act of 2017, or similar legislation

Resolution No. R-70-18

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Jose "Pepe" Diaz.



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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-70-18

RESOLUTION URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS
TO PASS H.R. 4345, A BILL ENTITLED THE VETERAN
TREATMENT COURT COORDINATION ACT OF 2017, OR
SIMILAR LEGISLATION

WHEREAS, on November 9, 2017 United States Representatives Charlie Crist (D – Florida) and Jeff Denham (R – California) introduced H.R. 4345, a bill entitled the Veteran Treatment Court Coordination Act of 2017, for consideration during the 115th Congress; and

WHEREAS, the bill has been cosponsored by 40 Congressmen, including Representative Mario Diaz-Balart (R – Florida); and

WHEREAS, the bill would direct the Attorney General, in conjunction with the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, to carry out a Veterans Treatment Court Program to provide grants and technical assistance to state circuit court systems in order to develop and maintain veterans treatment courts across the country; and

WHEREAS, veterans treatment courts are programs aimed at helping veterans charged with non-violent crimes receive the help and benefits for which they are entitled, including counseling, care, and support in transitioning to civilian life; and

WHEREAS, veterans' unique needs and challenges are not readily met by the traditional criminal justice system, and veteran treatment courts across the nation will assist veterans experiencing mental health issues, substance abuse, and homelessness; and

WHEREAS, this Board is supportive of measures designed to keep veterans out of the criminal justice system and give them the help they need and deserve,

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 to pass H.R. 4345, a bill entitled the Veteran Treatment Court Coordination Act of 2017, or similar legislation.

Section 2. Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to United States Representatives Charlie Crist, Jeff Denham, and Mario Diaz-Balart, and the remaining members of the Florida Congressional Delegation.

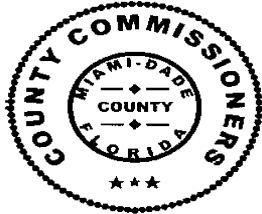
Section 3. Directs the County's federal lobbyists to advocate for the legislative action described in Section 1 above, and authorizes and directs the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs to include this item in the 2018 Federal Legislative Package when it is presented to the Board.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Jose "Pepe" Diaz. 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:

	Esteban L. Bovo, Jr., Chairman	aye	
	Audrey M. Edmonson, Vice Chairwoman	aye	
Bruno A. Barreiro	aye	Daniella Levine Cava	aye
Jose "Pepe" Diaz	absent	Sally A. Heyman	aye
Barbara J. Jordan	aye	Joe A. Martinez	aye
Jean Monestime	aye	Dennis C. Moss	absent
Rebeca Sosa	aye	Sen. Javier D. Souto	aye
Xavier L. Suarez	absent		

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 23rd day of January, 2018. 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.

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Javier Zapata

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