

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(36)

TO: Honorable Chairwoman Audrey M. Edmonson
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

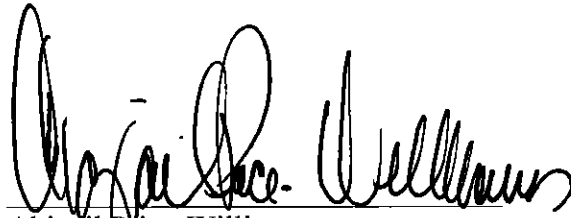
DATE: October 3, 2019

FROM: Abigail Price-Williams
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution urging President Donald J. Trump to sign into law H.R. 1058, the Autism Collaboration, Accountability, Research, Education and Support (CARES) Act of 2019, that would expand and coordinate activities of the National Institutes of Health with respect to research on autism spectrum disorder

Resolution No. R-1104-19

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



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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 present ____, 2/3 membership ____, 3/5's ____, unanimous ____, CDMP 7 vote requirement per 2-116.1(3)(h) or (4)(c) ____, CDMP 2/3 vote requirement per 2-116.1(3)(h) or (4)(c) ____, or CDMP 9 vote requirement per 2-116.1(4)(c)(2) ____) 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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10-3-19

RESOLUTION NO. R-1104-19

RESOLUTION URGING PRESIDENT DONALD J. TRUMP TO SIGN INTO LAW H.R. 1058, THE AUTISM COLLABORATION, ACCOUNTABILITY, RESEARCH, EDUCATION AND SUPPORT (CARES) ACT OF 2019, THAT WOULD EXPAND AND COORDINATE ACTIVITIES OF THE NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH WITH RESPECT TO RESEARCH ON AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER

WHEREAS, according to the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (“CDC”), approximately 1 in 59 children have been diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder (“ASD”); and

WHEREAS, ASD is a developmental disability defined by diagnostic criteria that include deficits in social communication and social interaction and the presence of repetitive patterns of behavior, interests, or activities that can persist throughout life; and

WHEREAS, ASD has emerged as a major public health concern in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Combating Autism Act (“Autism Act”) enacted in 2006 provided funding and coordinated federal programs and agencies to further support the rising number of individuals diagnosed with ASD; and

WHEREAS, since the enactment of the Autism Act, the National Institutes of Health (“NIH”), the largest biomedical research agency in the world, received funding to conduct research on gene function and developmental processes underlying autism; and

WHEREAS, the Autism Act also provided funding that enabled the CDC to increase surveillance and awareness activities through a group of programs such as Regional Centers of Excellence for ASD and other developmental disorders, the Autism and Developmental Disabilities Monitoring Network, and the Centers for Autism and Developmental Disabilities Research and Epidemiology; and

WHEREAS, in light of CDC reports that the number of children diagnosed with ASD has increased 600 percent since 2006, congressional funding and support for research and programs that improve the quality of lives for individuals with ASD and their families is critical; and

WHEREAS, in 2014 the Autism Collaboration, Accountability, Research, Education and Support (“CARES”) Act, P.L. 113-157, reauthorized funding and support for the Autism Act and passed unanimously in the Senate and House of Representatives; and

WHEREAS, due to a sunset provision, the Autism CARES Act will expire if not reauthorized; and

WHEREAS, on February 7, 2019, United States Representatives Christopher Smith (R – New Jersey) and Mike Doyle (D – Pennsylvania) introduced House of Representatives Bill (“H.R.”) 1058, a bipartisan bill to reauthorize and improve the Autism CARES Act for an additional five years, entitled the Autism CARES Act of 2019; and

WHEREAS, on February 7, 2019, United States Senator Robert Menendez (D – New Jersey) introduced Senate Bill (“S.”) 427, a Senate companion bill also entitled the Autism CARES Act of 2019; and

WHEREAS, the Autism CARES Act of 2019 amends the Public Health Service Act to further expand NIH research related to ASD, expands the Interagency Autism Coordinating Committee to include agencies that provide services and support individuals and their families, and authorizes research to increase the health and well-being of people with autism; and

WHEREAS, H.R. 1058 unanimously passed the United States House of Representatives on July 24, 2019, and the United States Senate on September 19, 2019; and

WHEREAS, H.R. 1058 is now pending before President Donald J. Trump; and

WHEREAS, although research and developmental programs that support individuals with ASD has increased in the past decade, it is essential to continue to support ASD related research and funding; and

WHEREAS, this Board supports the Autism CARES Act of 2019 and urges President Donald J. Trump to sign H.R. 1058 into law,

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

Section 1. Urges the President Donald J. Trump to sign into law H.R. 1058, the Autism Collaboration, Accountability, Research, Education and Support (“CARES”) Act of 2019 that would expand and coordinate activities of the National Institutes of Health with respect to research on autism spectrum disorder.

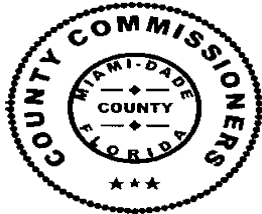
Section 2. Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to United States President Donald J. Trump, Senator Robert Menendez, United States Representatives Christopher Smith and Mike Doyle, and the Members of the Miami-Dade County Congressional Delegation.

Section 3. Directs the County’s federal lobbyist to advocate for the legislative action set forth in Section 1 above and authorizes and directs the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs to amend the 2019 Federal Legislative Package to include this item.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Vice Chairwoman Rebeca Sosa. It was offered by Commissioner **Rebeca Sosa**, 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:

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

The Chairperson thereupon declared this resolution duly passed and adopted this 3rd day of October, 2019. 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: Linda L. Cave
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Suzanne Villano-Charif", written over a horizontal line.

Suzanne Villano-Charif