

## MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(5)

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

**DATE:** April 7, 2020

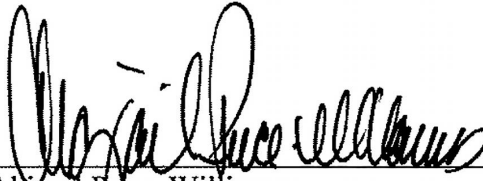
**FROM:** Abigail Price-Williams  
County Attorney

**SUBJECT:** Resolution urging the United States Congress to enact H.R. 6173, the Covering Coronavirus Test Act of 2020, or similar legislation that would add Coronavirus testing to the list of services that health insurers are required to cover at no cost to patients

Resolution No. R-312-20

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

  
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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 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 \_\_\_\_\_

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(5)  
4-7-20

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_ R-312-20

RESOLUTION URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO ENACT H.R. 6173, THE COVERING CORONAVIRUS TEST ACT OF 2020, OR SIMILAR LEGISLATION THAT WOULD ADD CORONAVIRUS TESTING TO THE LIST OF SERVICES THAT HEALTH INSURERS ARE REQUIRED TO COVER AT NO COST TO PATIENTS

**WHEREAS**, in December 2019, a novel coronavirus disease, COVID-19, caused by the SARS-CoV-2 virus (together with the disease, “Coronavirus”) was first identified in Wuhan, Hubei province, China; and

**WHEREAS**, since its identification in December 2019, Coronavirus has spread quickly and widely, with over 120,000 cases now confirmed worldwide; and

**WHEREAS**, there are now at least 1,000 confirmed cases of Coronavirus in the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, one of the challenges of managing the spread of Coronavirus is determining how many people may actually be infected with Coronavirus; and

**WHEREAS**, individuals who believe they may be infected with Coronavirus may nevertheless be reluctant to seek a diagnostic test which would confirm whether or not they have Coronavirus, out of concerns regarding the out of pocket costs for such testing; and

**WHEREAS**, United States Representative Diana DeGette (D – Colorado) has introduced House of Representatives Bill 6173 (H.R. 6173), entitled the Covering Coronavirus Test Act of 2020, for consideration during the 116th Congress; and

**WHEREAS**, the Covering Coronavirus Test Act of 2020 is co-sponsored by Representative Donna E. Shalala (D – Florida); and

**WHEREAS**, the Covering Coronavirus Test Act of 2020 would add Coronavirus testing to the list of services that health insurers are required to cover at no cost to patients; and

**WHEREAS**, identifying infected individuals through diagnostic testing is an important tool in limiting community exposure and managing the spread of Coronavirus; and

**WHEREAS**, this coverage would help ensure that individuals who may be infected with Coronavirus do not avoid diagnostic testing because of concerns regarding out of pocket costs; and

**WHEREAS**, this Board supports the enactment of H.R. 6173, the Covering Coronavirus Test Act of 2020, or similar legislation that would add Coronavirus testing to the list of services that health insurers are required to cover at no cost to patients,

**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 enact H.R. 6173, the Covering Coronavirus Test Act of 2020, or similar legislation that would add Coronavirus testing to the list of services that health insurers are required to cover at no cost to patients.

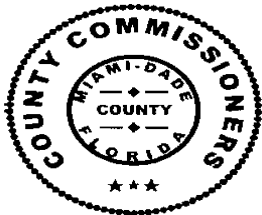
**Section 2.** Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to Representative Diana DeGette, Representative Donna E. Shalala, and the remaining members of the Florida Congressional Delegation.

**Section 3.** Directs the County's federal lobbyists to advocate for the legislative action set forth in section 1 above, and authorizes and directs the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs to amend the 2020 Federal Legislative Package to include this item.

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 **Audrey M. Edmonson** 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 7<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2020. 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: Melissa Adames  
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as  
to form and legal sufficiency.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Anita Viciano Zapata".

Anita Viciano Zapata