

# MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(33)

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

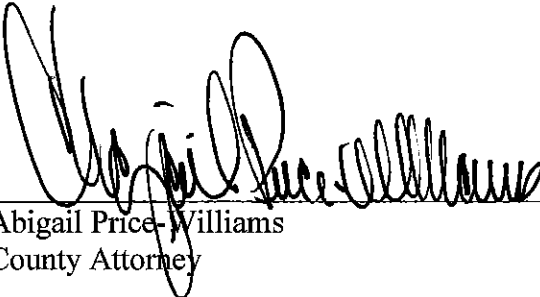
**DATE:** January 20, 2016

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

**SUBJECT:** Resolution urging Congress  
and the Florida Legislature to  
allocate funding for pediatric  
cancer research at Nicklaus  
Children's Hospital, Holtz  
Children's Hospital and the  
University of Miami Sylvester  
Comprehensive Cancer Center

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The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner 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 \_\_\_\_, 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 \_\_\_\_\_

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(33)  
1-20-16

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

RESOLUTION URGING CONGRESS AND THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO ALLOCATE FUNDING FOR PEDIATRIC CANCER RESEARCH AT NICKLAUS CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL, HOLTZ CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL AND THE UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI SYLVESTER COMPREHENSIVE CANCER CENTER

**WHEREAS**, pediatric cancer (childhood cancer) is the leading cause of disease-related death among children and adolescents (ages one to 19 years) in the United States, according to the National Cancer Institute; and

**WHEREAS**, the causes of pediatric cancer are not well understood, but the disease spares no group, striking every ethnic and socioeconomic group in every country; and

**WHEREAS**, for some pediatric cancer types, survival rates remain low, and approximately 2,000 children die each year due to pediatric cancer; and

**WHEREAS**, funding from both the private sector and the federal government for pediatric cancer research is scarce; and

**WHEREAS**, most cancer research funding from the federal government is devoted to adult cancers with only four percent of federal research funding devoted toward research on childhood cancers; and

**WHEREAS**, despite significant advances in adult cancer research, there have been only three drugs approved specifically for pediatric cancer in the last 20 years; and

**WHEREAS**, cancer treatments for children are often toxic, leaving many child survivors with permanent disabilities, secondary cancers, and other lifelong challenges including poor educational attainment, less-than-optimal employment status, and interpersonal relationship issues; and

**WHEREAS**, increased research devoted to pediatric cancer is necessary not only to find cures for the different forms of pediatric cancer but also to find more humane, less toxic treatments; and

**WHEREAS**, Nicklaus Children's Hospital, Holtz Children's Hospital and the University of Miami Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Center are engaged in more than 100 clinical cancer research studies, trying to find new cures, treatments and diagnostic procedures for pediatric cancers; and

**WHEREAS**, pediatric cancer research offers hope that lasting treatments will be found to successfully fight pediatric cancer; and

**WHEREAS**, pediatric cancer research is costly as hospitals comply with trial standards, hire laboratory staff, adhere to research protocols, and process and submit data; and

**WHEREAS**, in order to advance childhood cancer research and to offer the newest treatments in development to local patients, pediatric cancer hospitals must rely upon federal and state funding; and

**WHEREAS**, funding for Nicklaus Children's Hospital, Holtz Children's Hospital and the University of Miami Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Center is needed to ensure that children of the County suffering from pediatric cancer receive the best possible care and opportunities for healing; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board desires to urge Congress and the Florida Legislature to fund pediatric cancer research at Nicklaus Children's Hospital, Holtz Children's Hospital and the University of Miami Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Center,

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

**Section 1.** Urges Congress and the Florida Legislature to allocate funding for pediatric cancer research at Nicklaus Children's Hospital, Holtz Children's Hospital and the University of Miami Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Center.

**Section 2.** Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit certified copies of this resolution to the members of the Florida Congressional Delegation, the Governor, the Senate President, the House Speaker and the Chair and Members of the Miami-Dade County State Legislative Delegation.

**Section 3.** Directs the County's federal and state lobbyists to advocate for the funding as set forth in Section 1 above, and authorizes and directs the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs to amend the 2016 State Legislative Package to include this item and 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 \_\_\_\_\_, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_ and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Jean Monestime, Chairman  
Esteban L. Bovo, Jr., Vice Chairman

Bruno A. Barreiro	Daniella Levine Cava
Jose "Pepe" Diaz	Audrey M. Edmonson
Sally A. Heyman	Barbara J. Jordan
Dennis C. Moss	Rebeca Sosa
Sen. Javier D. Souto	Xavier L. Suarez
Juan C. Zapata	

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 20<sup>th</sup> day of January, 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: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as  
to form and legal sufficiency.

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Brenda Kuhns Neuman