

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(11)

TO: Honorable Chairman Anthony Rodriguez
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: October 6, 2026

FROM: Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution urging the United States Congress to pass H.R. 10212, the PEPTIDES for Veterans Act, or similar legislation that would study the potential benefits of peptide-based therapies for veterans receiving care through the Department of Veterans Affairs

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Roberto J. Gonzalez.



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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
- ☐ Requires more than a majority vote (i.e., 2/3's present ____, 2/3 membership ____, 3/5's ____, unanimous ____, majority plus one ____, CDMP 7 votes (majority of membership) ____, CDMP 2/3 members present but not less than 7 votes (majority of membership) ____, CDMP 9 votes (2/3 membership) ____) 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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10-6-26

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS
TO PASS H.R. 10212, THE PEPTIDES FOR VETERANS ACT,
OR SIMILAR LEGISLATION THAT WOULD STUDY THE
POTENTIAL BENEFITS OF PEPTIDE-BASED THERAPIES
FOR VETERANS RECEIVING CARE THROUGH THE
DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

WHEREAS, peptides are short chains of amino acids that the human body builds naturally,
which are critical for maintaining overall physiological health; and

WHEREAS, peptides act as chemical messengers in the body, transmitting signals
between cells and instructing them to perform certain functions, with each combination of amino
acids producing unique and specific functions; and

WHEREAS, for example, peptides help regulate hormone activity, immune defense, tissue
repair and growth, metabolism, digestion, and control of inflammation; and

WHEREAS, while the body produces peptides on its own, peptides can also be
synthesized or otherwise manufactured in labs and used in medications, supplements and injectable
products; and

WHEREAS, these manufactured peptides can be engineered to mimic or enhance natural
peptide functions, or make them last longer in the bloodstream; and

WHEREAS, accordingly, these manufactured peptides are designed to target and interact
with certain cells with high precision in order to trigger specific responses in the body; and

WHEREAS, peptides are already used in some medications approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration (“FDA”) to treat diabetes, obesity, endocrine disorders, and other health conditions; and

WHEREAS, for example, injectable insulin for blood sugar control and GLP-1 medications to treat obesity and type 2 diabetes are peptides; and

WHEREAS, recently, additional peptide injections and supplements have been synthesized to treat a variety of conditions and to enhance health and fitness; and

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Veterans Affairs’ (“VA”) Veterans Health Administration is the largest integrated health care network in the country, with 1,255 health care facilities serving nine million enrolled veterans each year; and

WHEREAS, the VA operates under a strict medication formulary that excludes treatments lacking standard FDA approval; and

WHEREAS, uniformed services veterans nationwide carry physical and mental consequences long after their service, and available approved treatments may fall short of providing sufficient relief in many cases; and

WHEREAS, it is believed that recently developed peptide-based therapies could be utilized to offer new treatment opportunities for widespread veteran health issues, including chronic pain management, physical recovery and healing, and managing chronic insomnia, metabolic dysfunction, anxiety and post-traumatic stress disorders, among other things; and

WHEREAS, however, many of these therapies lack significant clinical trials or similar research of their efficacy in humans; and

WHEREAS, regulatory oversight of new drug treatments is important for ensuring safety and effectiveness, but traditional government review can be so convoluted, lengthy and expensive as to halt or severely delay accessibility of groundbreaking treatments to those who could benefit from them; and

WHEREAS, United States Congresswoman Nancy Mace (R - South Carolina) introduced and sponsored H.R. 10212, the Providing Evidence-based Peptide Therapies to Improve Delivery and Expanded Services for Veterans Act or the PEPTIDES for Veterans Act (“Act”), for consideration during the 119th Congress; and

WHEREAS, the Act would, among other things:

- Direct the VA to review current federal regulations and guidance relating to peptides, as well as the latest research since these regulations were enacted;
- Direct the VA to study the safety, efficacy and potential therapeutic benefits of peptide-based therapies for veterans receiving care through the VA;
- Direct the VA, following a positive recommendation from the Secretary, to carry out a pilot program whereby peptide-based therapies are made available to veterans at medical facilities of the VA, and the results of same are assessed; and

WHEREAS, by directing the VA to actively follow emerging scientific evidence and conduct formal internal safety trials, H.R. 10212 seeks to provide a safe, legitimate pathway to these therapies for veterans that avoids unnecessary bureaucracy; and

WHEREAS, this Board expresses its support of H.R. 10212, to study the benefits of peptide-based therapies for veterans,

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. 10212, the Providing Evidence-based Peptide Therapies to Improve Delivery and Expanded Services for Veterans Act or the PEPTIDES for Veterans Act, or similar legislation that would study the potential benefits of peptide-based therapies for veterans receiving care through the Department of Veterans Affairs.

Section 2. Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to Representative Nancy Mace, and the Members of the Florida Congressional Delegation.

Section 3. Directs the County's federal lobbyists to advocate for the passage of the legislation described in section 1 above, and authorizes and directs the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs to amend the 2026 Federal Legislative Package to include this item and to include this item in the 2027 Federal Legislative Package when it is presented to the Board.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Roberto J. Gonzalez. 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:

Anthony Rodriguez, Chairman	
Kionne L. McGhee, Vice Chairman	
Marleine Bastien	Juan Carlos Bermudez
Sen. René García	Oliver G. Gilbert, III
Roberto J. Gonzalez	Keon Hardemon
Danielle Cohen Higgins	Vicki L. Lopez
Natalie Milian Orbis	Raquel A. Regalado
Micky Steinberg	

The Chairperson thereupon declared this resolution duly passed and adopted this 6th day of October, 2026. 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

JUAN FERNANDEZ-BARQUIN, CLERK

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.

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Kevin Marker