

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(12)

TO: Honorable Chairman Oliver G. Gilbert, III
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: January 17, 2024

FROM: Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution urging the United States Congress to support and maintain funding for HIV/AIDS relief efforts at current or greater levels to ensure the continuity of current and future HIV/AIDS prevention programs

Resolution No. R-54-24

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Senator René García.



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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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1-17-24

RESOLUTION NO. _____ R-54-24

RESOLUTION URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS
TO SUPPORT AND MAINTAIN FUNDING FOR HIV/AIDS
RELIEF EFFORTS AT CURRENT OR GREATER LEVELS TO
ENSURE THE CONTINUITY OF CURRENT AND FUTURE
HIV/AIDS PREVENTION PROGRAMS

WHEREAS, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the human immunodeficiency virus (“HIV”) is the pathogen that causes acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (“AIDS”); and

WHEREAS, HIV is a deadly virus that leads to immune deficiency and has contributed to the AIDS epidemic that has killed more than 40 million people since 1981; and

WHEREAS, many developing nations in Africa, Latin America, Europe, and Asia have experienced unprecedented loss of life due to the AIDS epidemic; and

WHEREAS, in order to combat the AIDS epidemic in developing countries, in 2003, a bipartisan congressional effort led to the creation of the United States President’s Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (“PEPFAR”); and

WHEREAS, PEPFAR partners with nonprofit organizations to provide HIV/AIDS medication to millions around the world, strengthen local and national healthcare systems, and care for children orphaned by AIDS; and

WHEREAS, PEPFAR is led, managed, and overseen by the United States Department of State’s Global AIDS Coordinator; and

WHEREAS, through PEPFAR, the United States government has invested over \$100 billion in the global HIV/AIDS response; and

WHEREAS, in addition to being the largest commitment by any nation to address a single disease in history, PEPFAR funding is credited to have helped save over 25 million lives, prevented millions of HIV infections, and accelerated progress toward controlling the global HIV/AIDS pandemic in more than 50 countries; and

WHEREAS, PEPFAR funding is typically approved and reauthorized by Congress in five-year intervals; and

WHEREAS, the five-year plan and funding for PEPFAR via the PEPFAR Extension Act of 2018 expired on September 30, 2023; and

WHEREAS, this Board recognizes that continued funding for PEPFAR is important to saving the lives of millions impacted by the AIDS epidemic and ensuring that HIV/AIDS prevention programs remain in place,

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 support and maintain funding for HIV/AIDS relief efforts at current or greater levels to ensure the continuity of current and future HIV/AIDS prevention programs.

Section 2. Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the members of the Florida Congressional Delegation and the United States Secretary of State.

Section 3. Directs the County's federal lobbyists to advocate for the actions set forth in section 1 above and authorizes and directs the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs to amend the 2023 Federal Legislative Package to include this item.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Senator René García. It was offered by Commissioner **Sen. René García**, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **Anthony Rodriguez** and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Oliver G. Gilbert, III, Chairman	aye		
Anthony Rodríguez, Vice Chairman	aye		
Marleine Bastien	aye	Juan Carlos Bermudez	aye
Kevin Marino Cabrera	aye	Sen. René García	aye
Roberto J. Gonzalez	aye	Keon Hardemon	aye
Danielle Cohen Higgins	absent	Eileen Higgins	aye
Kionne L. McGhee	absent	Raquel A. Regalado	aye
Micky Steinberg	aye		

The Chairperson thereupon declared this resolution duly passed and adopted this 17th day of January, 2024. 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: **Basia Pruna**
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.

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Rochelle A. Hall