

CITY OF HOMESTEAD, FLORIDA

RESOLUTION NO. R2016-03-14

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HOMESTEAD, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING FEDERAL FUNDING FOR A NEW VETERAN'S AFFAIRS MEDICAL CLINIC IN HOMESTEAD, FLORIDA, TO SERVE ACTIVE DUTY, RESERVE AND RETIRED MILITARY PERSONNEL, INCLUDING VETERANS; PROVIDING FOR DISTRIBUTION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the current Veteran's Affairs clinic located in rented space in Homestead is insufficient to meet the growing medical needs of the increasing military and veteran population; and

WHEREAS, the medical service provided by a new Veteran's Affairs Medical Clinic in Homestead will meet the medical needs of upwards of 10,000 veterans, retired military, active duty personnel and eligible family members in South Miami-Dade County and much of Monroe County, and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that it is essential that a new Veteran's Affairs Medical Clinic (the "V.A. Medical Clinic") be funded and established within the City of Homestead community for the purpose of providing full medical and post-traumatic stress disorder ("PTSD") services for our active duty, reserve and retired military personnel, including veterans and eligible families, who reside south of downtown Miami, in Miami- Dade and Monroe Counties; and

WHEREAS, the development of the V.A. Medical Clinic within the City of Homestead community would provide convenient access for all patients of the Medical Clinic within a community with deep connections to and respect and admiration for the United States military and veterans of United States military service.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HOMESTEAD, FLORIDA:

Section 1. Recitals Adopted. That the above- stated recitals are hereby adopted and confirmed.

Section 2. Support for New Veteran's Affairs Medical Clinic. That the City Council hereby expresses its strong support for the funding and implementation of the new V.A. Medical Clinic, as described herein, and respectfully requests that the South Florida Congressional Delegation, Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives, and Governor Rick Scott fully support the funding and establishment of the V.A. Medical Clinic to be located within the City of Homestead community, to be accomplished with Federal financial funding resources and appropriate State assistance.

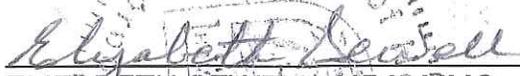
Section 3. Distribution. That the City Council hereby requests the City Clerk to provide a copy of this Resolution to the South Florida Congressional Delegation, including Delegation leaders; U.S. Representative Carlos Curbelo, Congressman Mario Diaz- Balart, Congresswoman Ileana Ros-Lehtinen, U.S. Representative Debbie Wasserman Schultz, U.S. Representative Frederica Wilson, and to the Speaker of the House U.S. Representative Paul Ryan, Florida Senators Marco Rubio and Bill Nelson, and all interested parties.

Section 4. Effective Date. That this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption hereof.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 16th day of March, 2016.


JEFF PORTER,
Mayor

ATTEST:


ELIZABETH SEWELL, MPA, MMC
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY FOR
THE USE AND RELIANCE OF THE CITY ONLY:


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City Attorney

Moved by:
Seconded by:
Council Vote:

Councilman Jimmie L. Williams, III
Vice Mayor Patricia Fairclough
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Mayor Jeff Porter
Vice Mayor Patricia Fairclough
Councilman Jon Burgess
Councilman Stephen Shelley
Councilman Elvis Maldonado
Councilman Larry Roth
Councilman Jimmie L. Williams, III

YES

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