


City of Alexandria, Virginia

MEMORANDUM

DATE: DECEMBER 7, 2010

TO: THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

FROM: JAMES K. HARTMANN, CITY MANAGER 

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION MEMORIALIZING CONGRESS TO RENEW FUNDING FOR THE SPECIAL STATUTORY FUNDING PROGRAM FOR TYPE 1 DIABETES RESEARCH

ISSUE: Resolution memorializing Congress to renew funding for the special statutory funding program for Type 1 diabetes research.

RECOMMENDATION: That Council approve the attached resolution and authorize the mayor to forward the resolution to the City's congressional delegation.

DISCUSSION: The Public Health Service Act is a federal law which authorizes funding for a number of public health programs, including the Special Diabetes Program. This program sponsors researchers who are seeking a cure for juvenile diabetes, which affects as many as three million Americans. It was begun in 1997, and its current funding authorization expires this year.

Councilman Krupicka has asked that Council approve the attached resolution, which urges Congress to renew the funding and authorization for the Special Diabetes Program.

BACKGROUND: Legislation reauthorizing the Special Diabetes Program (H.R. 3668, and S. 3058) was introduced in the 111th (current) Congress. Although this legislation has strong support in both bodies, it has not made it to the floor of either house.

Congress has not yet passed any bills appropriating funds for FY 2011. Although it is unlikely that either of the stand-alone bills listed above will be enacted in the few days remaining in this Congress, it is possible that the Program's reauthorization could be included in an Omnibus Appropriations bill, if one is passed.

ATTACHMENT: Resolution

STAFF: Bernard Caton, Legislative Director

RESOLUTION No. _____

Memorializing Congress to renew funding for the
Special Statutory Funding Program for Type 1 Diabetes Research

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WHEREAS, as many as 3 million Americans suffer from Type 1 diabetes, a chronic, genetically-determined, debilitating disease affecting every organ system; and

WHEREAS, more than 15,000 children each year are diagnosed with Type 1 diabetes, a disease caused by an autoimmune attack that destroys the insulin-producing beta cells of the pancreas; and

WHEREAS, approximately 469,000 people in Virginia—nearly eight percent of the population—have diabetes; and

WHEREAS, the direct and indirect cost of diabetes in Virginia was \$4.4 billion in 2007, according to the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; and

WHEREAS, diabetes is one of the most expensive chronic diseases, costing the United States economy more than \$174 billion annually; and

WHEREAS, individuals with diabetes pay an average of \$13,000 in annual health care costs, compared to \$2,600 for those without diabetes; and

WHEREAS, insulin treats, but does not cure, this disease; and it does not prevent the complications of diabetes, which include blindness, heart attack, kidney failure, stroke, nerve damage, and amputations; and

WHEREAS, the National Institutes of Health has established 6 goal areas to guide Type 1 diabetes research, and these focus on the reduction, prevention, and cure of Type 1 diabetes and its complications; and

WHEREAS, federal funding has supported research focused on determining the underlying genetic and environmental causes of diabetes; and

WHEREAS, federal funding has also paid for the testing of promising new treatments to halt and reverse the autoimmune attack that causes Type 1 diabetes; and

WHEREAS, continued progress toward a cure for Type 1 diabetes depends on training the next generation of diabetes researchers; and

WHEREAS, Congress has provided \$150 million annually through fiscal year 2011 for the Special Statutory Funding Program for Type 1 Diabetes Research; and

WHEREAS, leading Type 1 diabetes researchers have recommended a total funding level of \$4.1 billion for fiscal years 2009 through 2013 in order to meet the National Institutes of Health's Type 1 research goals;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Alexandria City Council that it urges Congress to renew the funding for the Special Statutory Funding Program for Type 1 Diabetes Research in 2010 for 3 additional years, so that a cure for Type 1 diabetes and its complications can be found; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be sent to each member of the City's Congressional delegation.

Adopted: December 14, 2010

WILLIAM D. EUILLE

MAYOR

ATTEST:

Jackie M. Henderson, CMC City Clerk

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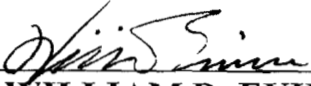
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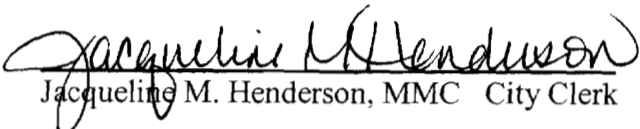
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