

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-R-1

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI, FLORIDA, URGING CONGRESS TO REAUTHORIZE THE CHILDREN'S HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM ("CHIP"); PROVIDING FOR TRANSMITTAL; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND FOR ALL OTHER PURPOSES.**

**WHEREAS**, the Children's Health Insurance Program ("CHIP") provides free or low-cost health coverage to millions of Americans, including some low-income people, families and children, pregnant women, the elderly, and people with disabilities; and

**WHEREAS**, each state offers CHIP coverage and works closely with its Medicaid program; and

**WHEREAS**, CHIP provides insurance to children who would otherwise fall into a dangerous gap, and allows them access to the crucial services they need to get and stay healthy; and

**WHEREAS**, CHIP benefits differ in each state, but all states provide comprehensive coverage including routine check-ups, immunizations, doctor visits, prescriptions, dental and vision care and emergency services; and

**WHEREAS**, about seventy percent (70%) of funding for CHIP is federal and unlike Medicaid, must be renewed periodically by Congress; and

**WHEREAS**, since October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2017, the House and the Senate have both been in agreement on extending CHIP for another five (5) years but still have not finalized the bill that would reauthorize the program,; and

**WHEREAS**, the funding deadline has already passed, but Congress remains silent as to what is next for the critical program even as states begin to run out of funding and cease services to families; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of Florida is expected to run out of federal funding for CHIP by the end of January, leaving 374,884 Florida children without health coverage, placing their health at risk and an extreme burden on the State's health care system.

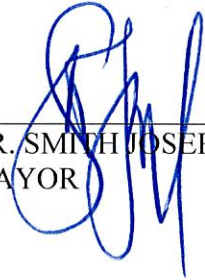
**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT DULY RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI, FLORIDA:**

**Section 1. Mayor and City Council Recommendation.** The Mayor and City Council urge Congress to reauthorize the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP).


**Section 2. Transmittal.** The City Clerk is hereby directed to transmit a copy of this Resolution to the Members of the Florida Congressional Delegation.

**Section 3. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption. .

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by a 5-0 vote of the Mayor and City Council of the City of North Miami, Florida, this 9th day of January, 2018.

  
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DR. SMITH JOSEPH  
MAYOR

ATTEST:   
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MICHAEL A. ETIENNE, ESQ.  
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM  
AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:  
  
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JEFF P. H. CAZEAU, ESQ.  
CITY ATTORNEY

SPONSORED BY: COUNCILMAN ALIX DESULME

Moved by: Desulme

Seconded by: Galvin

**Vote:**

Mayor Smith Joseph, D.O., Pharm. D.	<u>X</u>	(Yes)	_____	(No)
Vice Mayor Carol Keys, Esq.	<u>X</u>	(Yes)	_____	(No)
Councilman Scott Galvin	<u>X</u>	(Yes)	_____	(No)
Councilman Philippe Bien-Aime	<u>X</u>	(Yes)	_____	(No)
Councilman Alix Desulme	<u>X</u>	(Yes)	_____	(No)