

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING MIAMI-DADE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' RESOLUTION NO. R-67-26, WHICH URGES THE STATE OF FLORIDA TO MAINTAIN CURRENT ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA AND BENEFITS UNDER THE STATE'S AIDS DRUG ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (ADAP), URGES THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL FUNDING TO THE STATE'S ADAP IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA AND PROGRAM BENEFITS AT EXISTING LEVELS, AND URGES THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL FUNDING TO THE RYAN WHITE HIV/AIDS PROGRAM TO BE ALLOCATED FOR STATE-ADMINISTERED AIDS DRUG ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

**WHEREAS**, Florida's AIDS Drug Assistance Program ("ADAP") provides direct medication access to low-income people living with HIV who have limited or no coverage from insurance; and

**WHEREAS**, the ADAP also covers the cost of health insurance premiums for eligible clients; and

**WHEREAS**, the program serves more than 32,000 people statewide; and

**WHEREAS**, in January 2026, the Florida Department of Health ("FDOH") announced changes to the ADAP, scheduled to take effect on March 1, 2026; and

**WHEREAS**, these changes include significantly narrowing the income eligibility threshold for medication assistance and ending support for insurance premiums; and

**WHEREAS**, for those who remain eligible for medication assistance, the FDOH intends to limit the medication Descovy to individuals with renal insufficiency, as well as remove the medication Biktarvy altogether; and

**WHEREAS**, under the new restrictions, nearly half of all ADAP clients—more than 16,000 Floridians—are expected to lose coverage; and

**WHEREAS**, Miami-Dade County has the highest HIV burden in Florida, and thousands of its residents rely on ADAP for life-sustaining continuous care; and

**WHEREAS**, the FDOH's intended changes to the program would cause thousands of people to lose health their insurance coverage and would interrupt their access to HIV-related treatment; and

**WHEREAS**, disrupting medication regimens will lead to viral rebound, drug resistance and increased risk of HIV transmission; and

**WHEREAS**, these changes threaten to reverse decades of progress aimed at ending the HIV epidemic; and

**WHEREAS**, on January 21, 2026, the Board of County Commissioners of Miami-Dade County ("Commission") adopted Resolution No. R-67-26, sponsored by Senator René García, which (i) urged the State of Florida to maintain existing eligibility criteria and benefits under the state's ADAP, (ii) urged the Florida Legislature to appropriate additional funding to the ADAP in order to maintain eligibility criteria and program benefits at existing levels, and (iii) urged the United States Congress to appropriate additional funding to the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program, to be allocated to state-administered AIDS Drug Assistance Programs in light of rising health insurance costs; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the objective of this Board to promote the public health and continuity of care goals served through the ADAP; and

**WHEREAS**, this Board supports the Commission's approval of Resolution R-67-26, and the actions recommended therein; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY LGBTQIA+ ADVISORY BOARD**, that this Board supports Resolution No. R-67-26 of the Board of County Commissioners of Miami-Dade County, which urges the State of Florida and the Florida Legislature to maintain current eligibility criteria and benefits under the state’s AIDS Drug Assistance Program and to appropriate additional funding to the program in order to maintain eligibility criteria and program benefits at existing levels, as well as urges the United States Congress to appropriate additional funding to the Ryan White HIV/AIDS program to be allocated to state-administered AIDS Drug Assistance Programs. The LGBTQIA+ Advisory Board Executive Director shall forward a copy of this resolution to the Board of County Commissioner and the Miami-Dade County HIV/AIDS Partnership.

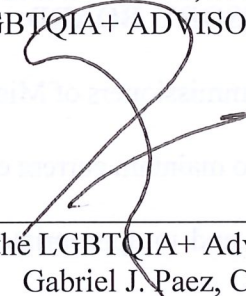
The foregoing resolution was offered by Paul Thomas, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Timothy Wagoner, and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Bobby Joe Bracy, Chairman – (Y)  
Dr. Travis Strokes, Vice Chairman - Absent

Grace C. Lopez – (Y)	Kevin Correa – (Y)
Timothy “Tim” Wagoner – (Y)	Jennifer Stephenson (Y)
Cindy Brown – Absent	Harold Marrero – (Y)
Paul Thomas – (Y)	Erik Martin - Absent

The Chairman thereupon declared this resolution duly passed and adopted this 11th day of February, 2026, to be transmitted to the Clerk of the Board for transmittal to the Board of County Commissioners.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA  
BY ITS LGBTQIA+ ADVISORY BOARD

By:   
Clerk of the LGBTQIA+ Advisory Board  
Gabriel J. Paez, CIT

Approved by County Attorney as  
to form and legal sufficiency.



Terrence A. Smith