



2009

BERGEN COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS RESOLUTION

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Resolution No. 1044
Date: 7/15/09
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Department/
Division: Board of Chosen Freeholders
Purpose: Declare Support For the HIV/AIDS
Community Consensus on the future of
the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Treatment
Modernization Act
Account No. _____
Contract No. _____
Dollar Amount: _____
Prepared By: nml

Offered by: Julie O'Brien
Seconded by: CALABRESE
Approved by: _____

Certified as a true copy of a Resolution adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders on above date at the Regular Meeting by:

Valerie Coniglio

Valerie Coniglio, Clerk, Board of Chosen Freeholders, Bergen County, New Jersey

WHEREAS, the Human Immunodeficiency Virus, or HIV, is a lentivirus, a division of the retrovirus family characterized by its long incubation period, that finds and attacks certain white blood cells in a human's immune system, leading to the development of AIDS; and

WHEREAS, HIV is transferred through interactions with blood and other body fluids, all which contain HIV as either free virus particles or as a virus within infected immune cells; and

WHEREAS, AIDS, or Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome, is the final stage of an HIV infection and affects the human body by progressively reducing the effectiveness of the immune system, making an individual susceptible to opportunistic infections and tumors; and

WHEREAS, the total number of people living with HIV worldwide has been estimated as 33.2 million and the total number within the United States of America has been estimated to be within the range of 1,039,000 to 1,185,000; and

WHEREAS, Ryan White was a hemophiliac child who after receiving a blood transfusion infected with the virus brought national attention to the issue of AIDS in the 1980s after being banned from his school in Indiana; he passed away at the age of 18 on April 8,1990 suffering from AIDS complications; and

WHEREAS, the Ryan White Comprehensive AIDS Resources Emergency (Care) Act, the largest federally funded program in the United States for people living with HIV/AIDS, is a payer of last resort measure which provides funding to improve the availability of care for low-income, uninsured or underinsured victims of AIDS and their families; and

WHEREAS, the Ryan White Work Group is a coalition of service providers on both the national and local level and HIV/AIDS organizations that are committed to ensure that the Ryan White Program, known formally as the Ryan White Care Act, ensures appropriate care, treatment, and support for those individuals who are uninsured or underinsured and living with HIV/AIDS; and

WHEREAS, the HIV/AIDS Community Consensus on the Future of the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Treatment Modernization Act makes recommendations on the legislative future of the Ryan White Program, including, an extension of the Program for at least three years, deletion of language within the legislation not applicable to the Ryan White Program, protection for states with maturing HIV case data, extension of Transitional Grant Area (TGA) eligibility so that care is upheld for persons receiving Ryan White-funded services, extension of hold harmless provisions, allowance for the provision of food pursuant to a doctor's prescription as a core medical service, alteration of the definition of medical transportation and allowance for it as a core medical service; now,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Chosen Freeholders in the County of Bergen hereby declares its support of the HIV/AIDS Community Consensus on the Future of the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Treatment Modernization Act and urges Congress to pass the extensions of the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Treatment Modernization Act with the Consensus' recommendations and fixes before the bill sunsets on September 30, 2009; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of the resolution be forwarded to the Ryan White Work Group.