

II. FISCAL IMPACT ANALYSIS

A. Five Year Summary of Fiscal Impact:

Fiscal Years					
Capital Expenditures					
Operating Costs					
External Revenues					
Program Income(County)					
In-Kind Match(County)					
NET FISCAL IMPACT					
#ADDITIONAL FTE POSITIONS (CUMULATIVE)					

Is Item Included in Current Budget? Yes No
 Does this item include the use of federal funds? Yes No

Budget Account No:

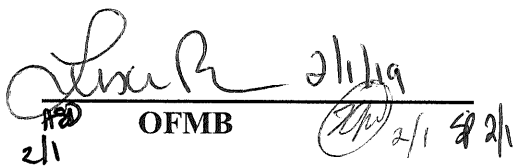
Fund Dept Unit

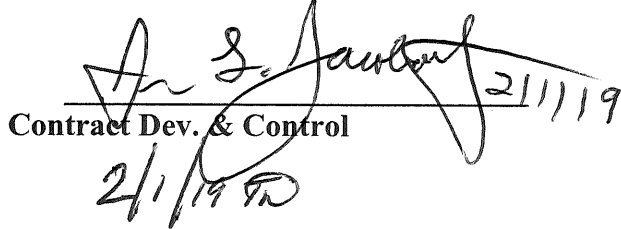
B. Recommended Sources of Funds/Summary of Fiscal Impact:

C. Departmental Fiscal Review:

III. REVIEW COMMENTS:

A. OFMB Fiscal and/or Contract Dev. and Control Comments:


 OFMB 2/1/19


 Contract Dev. & Control 2/1/19

B. Legal Sufficiency


 Assistant County Attorney

C. Other Department Review

 Department Director

Resolution No. 2019-

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS (BOCC) OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE PREFERENCE OF PALM BEACH COUNTY TO HAVE JUVENILES OF THE COMMUNITY TREATED AS JUVENILES WHEN THEY BREAK CERTAIN FLORIDA LAWS; URGING THE LEGISLATURE TO CREATE A UNIFORM STANDARD FOR PROSECUTION OF JUVENILES UNDER THE AGE OF 18 WHEN THEY COMMIT CERTAIN OFFENSES; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, children are developmentally different from adults and these differences are documented by research on the adolescent brain and acknowledged by the U.S. and state supreme courts, as well as state and federal laws that prohibit youth under age 18 from taking on major adult responsibilities such as contracting, voting, jury duty, and military service;

WHEREAS, the juvenile justice system is designed for rehabilitating, punishing and treating children who fall into the delinquency system, with an emphasis on prevention, intervention and treatment services, compared with the adult corrections system, which focuses more on punishment rather than rehabilitation; and

WHEREAS, according to the Southern Poverty Law Center, a child prosecuted in the adult criminal justice system is more likely to be rearrested for a felony than a child who remains in the juvenile justice system; and

WHEREAS, some of Florida's adult jails are not designed to house children separately from adults, as required by law, and thus often hold children in solitary confinement and deprive them of adequate educational services, which, in turn, makes them less likely to succeed in school; and

WHEREAS, Florida's current juvenile prosecutorial standards can lead to disparate sentencing under similar circumstances creating a system of "justice by geography," which disproportionately harms children of color and children with disabilities and mental health conditions; and

WHEREAS, children prosecuted as adults may receive an adult criminal record when convicted that can diminish their future education and employment opportunities and strip them of the right to vote, enlist in the military, or receive financial aid for college before these youth even turn 18; and

WHEREAS, since 2009, more than 14,000 children have been prosecuted as adults in Florida; and

WHEREAS, October is National Youth Justice Awareness Month, a movement to end the prosecution of youth in the adult system.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, that:

Palm Beach County affirms its support of treating juveniles of this community as juveniles when they break certain laws with preference given to

prosecution through the juvenile justice system where services are provided to the child and his/her family.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Palm Beach County urges our Legislative Delegation and the entire Florida Legislature to adopt comprehensive reform legislation that would create additional statewide standards for prosecution of juveniles under the age of 18 who commit certain offenses and require that children prosecuted as adults be held separate and apart from adult inmates.

This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

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

MACK BERNARD, Mayor	-
DAVID KERNER, Vice Mayor	-
COMMISSIONER HAL R. VALECHE	-
COMMISSIONER GREGG K. WEISS	-
COMMISSIONER ROBERT S. WEINROTH	-
COMMISSIONER MARY LOU BERGER	-
COMMISSIONER MELISSA MCKINLAY	-

The Mayor thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted on this _____ day of _____, 2019.

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND
LEGAL SUFFICIENCY

PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA
BY ITS BOARD OF COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS
SHARON R. BOCK, CLERK

BY: Anne Helfant

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Assistant County Attorney

BY: _____

Deputy Clerk