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OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

# MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(4)

**TO:** Honorable Chairman Jean Monestime and Members, Board of County Commissioners

**DATE:** November 3, 2015

**FROM:** Abigail Price-Williams County Attorney

**SUBJECT:** Resolution declaring that September shall be recognized as "Sickle Cell Disease Awareness" month each year in Miami-Dade County

Resolution No. R-999-15

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Audrey M. Edmonson and Co-Sponsors Vice Chairman Esteban L. Bovo, Jr., Commissionner Daniella Levine Cava, Commissionner Sally A. Heyman, Commissioner Rebeca Sosa, Senator Javier D. Souto and Commissioner Juan C. Zapata.

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**Please note any items checked.**

_____ **"3-Day Rule" for committees applicable if raised**

_____ **6 weeks required between first reading and public hearing**

_____ **4 weeks notification to municipal officials required prior to public hearing**

_____ **Decreases revenues or increases expenditures without balancing budget**

_____ **Budget required**

_____ **Statement of fiscal impact required**

_____ **Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Mayor's report for public hearing**

_____ **No committee review**

_____ **Applicable legislation requires more than a majority vote (i.e., 2/3's ____, 3/5's ____, unanimous _____ ) to approve**

_____ **Current information regarding funding source, index code and available balance, and available capacity (if debt is contemplated) required**

Approved _____ Mayor
Veto _____
Override _____

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RESOLUTION DECLARING THAT SEPTEMBER SHALL BE RECOGNIZED AS "SICKLE CELL DISEASE AWARENESS" MONTH EACH YEAR IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY

**WHEREAS**, sickle cell disease ("SCD"), also known as sickle cell anemia, is a hereditary blood disorder characterized by an abnormality in oxygen-carrying hemoglobin contained in red blood cells; and

**WHEREAS**, SCD causes red blood cells to assume a rigid and sickle-like shape, which makes it difficult for the cells to pass through small blood vessels, thereby inhibiting blood flow through the body; and

**WHEREAS**, SCD is associated with a number of acute and chronic health problems, including tissue damage, severe infections, attacks of severe pain, and strokes, as well as an increased risk of death; and

**WHEREAS**, SCD disproportionately affects African-Americans; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1975, the National Association for Sickle Cell Disease, now known as the Sickle Cell Disease Association of America ("SCDAA"), and its member organizations, began conducting month-long events to raise awareness about SCD and the need to address the problem at national and local levels; and

**WHEREAS**, the persistent efforts by the SCDAA to further SCD awareness was realized in 1983 when the U.S. House of Representatives unanimously passed a resolution, introduced by the Congressional Black Caucus and signed by President Ronald Reagan, designating September as "National Sickle Cell Anemia Awareness Month"; and

**WHEREAS**, the SCDAA has called upon others to help increase and elevate awareness of SCD during the month of September and throughout the year; and

**WHEREAS**, to that end, this Board wishes to bring greater awareness to SCD here in Miami-Dade County,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,** that this Board declares that September shall be recognized as "Sickle Cell Disease Awareness Month" each year in Miami-Dade County.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Audrey M. Edmonson, and the Co-Sponsors are Vice Chairman Esteban L. Bovo, Jr., Commissioner Daniella Levine Cava, Commissioner Sally A. Heyman, Commissioner Rebeca Sosa, Senator Javier D. Souto and Commissioner Juan C. Zapata. It was offered by Commissioner **Barbara J. Jordan**, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **Xavier L. Suarez** and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Jean Monestime, Chairman **aye**
Esteban L. Bovo, Jr., Vice Chairman **aye**

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| Bruno A. Barreiro | **absent** | Daniella Levine Cava | **aye** |
| Jose "Pepe" Diaz | **aye** | Audrey M. Edmonson | **aye** |
| Sally A. Heyman | **aye** | Barbara J. Jordan | **aye** |
| Dennis C. Moss | **aye** | Rebeca Sosa | **aye** |
| Sen. Javier D. Souto | **aye** | Xavier L. Suarez | **aye** |
| Juan C. Zapata | **aye** | | |

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 3rd day of November, 2015. This resolution shall become effective upon the earlier of (1) 10 days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the County Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board, or (2) approval by the County Mayor of this Resolution and the filing of this approval with the Clerk of the Board.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA
BY ITS BOARD OF
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

HARVEY RUVIN, CLERK

By: Christopher Agrippa
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.

James Eddie Kirtley