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MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 14(A)(7)

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

DATE: October 20, 2015

FROM: Abigail Price-Williams
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution declaring October 2015 Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Resolution No. R-954-15

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Rebeca Sosa.

Abigail Price-Williams
County Attorney

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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 NO. R-954-15

RESOLUTION DECLARING OCTOBER 2015 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, domestic violence is a pattern of controlling behaviors – violence or threats of violence – that one person uses to establish power over a current or former spouse, intimate partner or family or household member in order to control that person's actions and activities; and

WHEREAS, domestic violence may include threats, physical violence, sexual assault, stalking, kidnapping and many other types of unwanted behavior or any criminal offense resulting in physical injury or death; and

WHEREAS, domestic violence can happen to anyone, regardless of age, religion, or social, economic, ethnic or educational background. It happens to men, women, elderly and children; and

WHEREAS, one-third of women and one-fourth of men will encounter some form of physical violence from an intimate partner within their lifetimes; and

WHEREAS, according to the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence, a woman is assaulted or beaten every nine seconds in the United States; and

WHEREAS, only 34 percent of victims hurt by their intimate partners receive medical care for their wounds; and

WHEREAS, one in 15 children are exposed to domestic violence each year; and

WHEREAS, according to Florida's Domestic Violence Needs Assessment for 2006-2007, the most recent domestic violence needs assessment produced by the Florida Department of Children and Families, barriers to getting help still exist for many victims of domestic

violence, particularly persons who are disabled, elderly, living in poverty or in rural areas, experiencing language barriers or greater levels of acculturation, concerned with immigration status, or involved in homosexual relationships; thus greater efforts and resources are needed to reach and provide protection and services to these victims; and

WHEREAS, *The Miami Herald* recently ran a local series on domestic violence, reporting Miami-Dade County leads the state with 9,811 cases of domestic violence reported in 2014; and

WHEREAS, people all over the United States are observing the month of October 2015 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month to raise awareness of the epidemic of domestic violence and to honor those who provide help, protection, and hope to the victims and survivors of domestic violence; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to show its support to domestic violence victims and survivors, to recognize the advocates, law enforcement officers, victim service providers, and organizations who work tirelessly to protect and heal survivors and victims every day, and to call on the residents of the County to become advocates against domestic violence and support victims of domestic violence in finding help and healing,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that this Board declares the month of October 2015, and every October in perpetuity, as Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Rebeca Sosa. It was offered by Commissioner **Rebeca Sosa**, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **Sally A. Heyman** and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Jean Monestime, Chairman	**aye**		
Esteban L. Bovo, Jr., Vice Chairman	**aye**		
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	**absent**	Xavier L. Suarez	**aye**
Juan C. Zapata	**aye**		

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 20th day of October, 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.

Brenda Kuhns Neuman