



MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 14(A)(3)

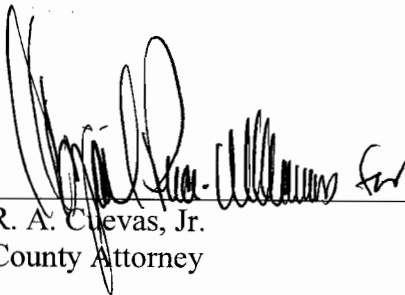
TO: Honorable Chairman Dennis C. Moss
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: April 21, 2009

FROM: R. A. Cuevas, Jr.
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution declaring the Month
of April beginning in April 2009
and each year thereafter as Autism
Awareness Month in Miami-Dade
County

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Vice-Chairman Jose "Pepe" Diaz, and Co-Sponsors Commissioner Sally A. Heyman, Commissioner Dorrin D. Rolle and Senator Javier D. Souto.



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Please note any items checked.



"4-Day Rule" ("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

Bid waiver requiring County Mayor's written recommendation

Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Manager's report for public hearing

Housekeeping item (no policy decision required)

No committee review

Approved _____ Mayor
Veto _____
Override _____

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4-21-09

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION DECLARING THE MONTH OF APRIL
BEGINNING IN APRIL 2009 AND EACH YEAR
THEREAFTER AS AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH IN
MIAMI-DADE COUNTY

WHEREAS, statistics show that 1 in 150 children born today will be diagnosed with autism, and that already 1 to 1.5 million Americans have autism; and

WHEREAS, autism is the fastest-growing developmental disability in the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, the Autism Society of American estimates that the lifetime cost of caring for a child with autism currently ranges from \$3.5 million to \$5 million; and

WHEREAS, the cost of lifelong care for adults with autism can be reduced by about 66% with early diagnosis and prevention; and

WHEREAS, various organizations in Miami-Dade County (the "County"), including Autism Speaks, the Miami Institute for Human Genomics ("MIHG"), the Autism Society of Miami-Dade County, the University of Miami/Nova Southeastern University Center for Autism & Related Disabilities ("CARD"), and Parent to Parent of Miami, Inc. conduct research on, raise money for, and provide support and awareness of autism in our community; and

WHEREAS, for example, CARD provides autism-related services to over 2,500 families in the County and has raised over \$1 million since 2003, and MIHG researchers recently identified a genetic variant that contributes to autism risk; and

WHEREAS, while April is recognized nationally as Autism Awareness month, this Board finds that it is in the public's best interest to declare the month of April as Autism Awareness Month in the County in order to raise local, community awareness about autism, to encourage early autism testing for children in the County, and to encourage County residents to provide both financial and volunteer support for autism research and care,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that this Board hereby declares the month of April, beginning in April 2009 and continuing each year thereafter, as Autism Awareness Month in Miami-Dade County.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Vice-Chairman Jose "Pepe" Diaz, and the Co-Sponsors are Commissioner Sally A. Heyman, Commissioner Dorrin D. Rolle and Senator Javier D. Souto. It 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:

Dennis C. Moss, Chairman	
Jose "Pepe" Diaz, Vice-Chairman	
Bruno A. Barreiro	Audrey M. Edmonson
Carlos A. Gimenez	Sally A. Heyman
Barbara J. Jordan	Joe A. Martinez
Dorrin D. Rolle	Natacha Seijas
Katy Sorenson	Rebeca Sosa
Sen. Javier D. Souto	

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 21st day of April, 2009. This resolution shall become effective ten (10) days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board.

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

HARVEY RUVIN, CLERK

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.

ARW/MR

Monica Rizo