

# MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(6)

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**TO:** Honorable Chairman Jose "Pepe" Diaz  
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

**DATE:** May 4, 2021

**FROM:** Geri Bonzon-Keenan  
County Attorney

**SUBJECT:** Resolution renaming "Getting to Zero Miami-Dade County Awareness Week" to "Ending the HIV Epidemic in Miami-Dade County Awareness Week"; and declaring the week of February 14, 2022 and the third week in February of each year thereafter as same

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The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Sally A. Heyman and Co-Sponsor Senator René García.



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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
- Statement of social equity 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 present \_\_\_\_, 2/3 membership \_\_\_\_, 3/5's \_\_\_\_, unanimous \_\_\_\_, CDMP 7 vote requirement per 2-116.1(3)(h) or (4)(c) \_\_\_\_, CDMP 2/3 vote requirement per 2-116.1(3)(h) or (4)(c) \_\_\_\_, or CDMP 9 vote requirement per 2-116.1(4)(c)(2) \_\_\_\_ ) 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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5-4-21

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

RESOLUTION RENAMING “GETTING TO ZERO MIAMI-DADE COUNTY AWARENESS WEEK” TO “ENDING THE HIV EPIDEMIC IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY AWARENESS WEEK”; AND DECLARING THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 14, 2022 AND THE THIRD WEEK IN FEBRUARY OF EACH YEAR THEREAFTER AS SAME

**WHEREAS**, more than 700,000 American lives have been lost to human immunodeficiency virus (“HIV”) since 1981, and more than 1.1 million Americans are currently living with HIV and many more are at risk of HIV infection; and

**WHEREAS**, while new HIV diagnoses have declined significantly from their peak, progress on further reducing them has stalled with an estimated 40,000 Americans being newly diagnosed each year; and

**WHEREAS**, without intervention another 400,000 Americans will be newly diagnosed over 10 years despite the available tools to prevent transmissions; and

**WHEREAS**, the United States government spends \$20 billion in annual direct health expenditures for HIV prevention and care; and

**WHEREAS**, however, there is a real risk of an HIV resurgence due to several factors, including trends in injection drug use, HIV-related stigma, homophobia, lack of access to HIV prevention, testing, and treatment, and a lack of awareness that HIV remains a significant public health threat; and

**WHEREAS**, the United States government has implemented the *Ending the HIV Epidemic: A Plan for America* (“EHE”), which is a bold plan that aims to end the HIV epidemic in the United States by 2030; and

**WHEREAS**, the new initiative seeks to reduce the number of new HIV infections in the United States by 75 percent within five years, and then by at least 90 percent within 10 years, for an estimated 250,000 total HIV infections averted; and

**WHEREAS**, EHE is the operational plan developed by agencies across the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (“HHS”) to pursue that goal; and

**WHEREAS**, the plan leverages critical scientific advances in HIV prevention, diagnosis, treatment, and outbreak response by coordinating the highly successful programs, resources, and infrastructure of many HHS agencies and offices; and

**WHEREAS**, in its first phase, the initiative focuses on areas where HIV transmission occurs most frequently, providing 57 geographic focus areas with a rapid infusion of additional resources, expertise, and technology to develop and implement locally tailored EHE plans; and

**WHEREAS**, according to the Florida Department of Health (“FDOH”), Miami-Dade County faces one of the highest incidence rates of HIV in the United States, with more than 27,000 people with HIV in the County; and

**WHEREAS**, to reduce new HIV diagnoses in Florida, it is critical to ensure that everyone with HIV is aware of their status, is linked to and retained in HIV medical care, and maintains viral suppression; and

**WHEREAS**, collaborative efforts from prevention and patient care programs at the state and local levels, including by county health departments, Ryan White HIV and acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (“AIDS”) program partners such as the County, community-based organizations, and health care providers, are an integral part of accomplishing this agenda; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2016, the FDOH’s Health HIV/AIDS section developed a “4-Key Component Plan” to eliminate HIV transmission and reduce HIV-related deaths, which includes the following: (1) implement routine HIV and sexually transmitted infection screening in health care settings and priority testing in non-health care settings, (2) provide rapid access to treatment and ensure retention in care, (3) improve access to antiretroviral pre-exposure prophylaxis and non-occupational post-exposure prophylaxis, and (4) increase HIV awareness and community response through outreach, engagement, and messaging; and

**WHEREAS**, Florida’s 4-Key Component Plan aligns well with the pillars of the EHE initiative—diagnose, treat, prevent, and respond; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2020, FDOH in collaboration with the local health department and the Health Council of South Florida also developed the Ending the HIV Epidemic (EHE) in Miami-Dade County project (“FDOH project”) for the County in an effort to provide the foundation for a plan to address Miami-Dade County’s significantly high HIV transmission rates; and

**WHEREAS**, to address HIV and AIDS in Miami-Dade County, HHS has awarded Ryan White Part A and EHE grant funding to the County for the purpose of providing a comprehensive system of care that includes primary medical care and essential support services for people living with HIV/AIDS who are uninsured or underinsured; and

**WHEREAS**, in order to further address the issues facing persons with HIV in Miami-Dade County, this Board also created the Miami-Dade HIV/AIDS Partnership to enable the County and other governmental entities to apply for, receive, plan for, assess, and allocate financial assistance under Ryan White Part A and other funding designed to assist persons living with HIV; and

**WHEREAS**, on June 6, 2017, this Board adopted Resolution No. R-622-17, which, in part, declared the week of February 19, 2018, and the third week of February of each year thereafter as “Getting to Zero Miami-Dade County Awareness Week”; and

**WHEREAS**, FDOH has requested that the County align its efforts with the FDOH project and EHE in an effort to educate the public about the efforts to get the County to a place where there are no new HIV infections and ultimately ending the HIV epidemic; and

**WHEREAS**, accordingly, this Board wishes to promote the FDOH project and the EHE initiative by renaming “Getting to Zero Miami-Dade County Awareness Week” to “Ending the HIV Epidemic in Miami-Dade County Awareness Week,”

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA**, that:

**Section 1.** The foregoing recitals are incorporated in this resolution and are approved.

**Section 2.** This Board hereby renames “Getting to Zero Miami-Dade County Awareness Week” to “Ending the HIV Epidemic in Miami-Dade County Awareness Week.” This Board further declares the week of February 14, 2022, and the third week of February of each year thereafter as “Ending the HIV Epidemic in Miami-Dade County Awareness Week.”

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Sally A. Heyman and the Co-Sponsor is Senator René García. 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:

Jose "Pepe" Diaz, Chairman	
Oliver G. Gilbert, III, Vice-Chairman	
Sen. René García	Keon Hardemon
Sally A. Heyman	Danielle Cohen Higgins
Eileen Higgins	Joe A. Martinez
Kionne L. McGhee	Jean Monestime
Raquel A. Regalado	Rebeca Sosa
Sen. Javier D. Souto	

The Chairperson thereupon declared this resolution duly passed and adopted this 4<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2021. 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: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as  
to form and legal sufficiency.



Terrence A. Smith