

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(6)

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

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

Sally A. Heyman

Eileen Higgins

Kionne L. McGhee

Raquel A. Regalado

Sen. Javier D. Souto

Keon Hardemon

Danielle Cohen Higgins

Joe A. Martinez

Jean Monestime

Rebeca Sosa

The Chairperson thereupon declared this resolution duly passed and adopted this 4th 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