

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(18)

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

DATE: September 1, 2022

FROM: Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution declaring September
2022 and the month of
September of each year thereafter
as "Suicide Prevention
Awareness Month"

Resolution No. R-855-22

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime 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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9-1-22

RESOLUTION NO. R-855-22

RESOLUTION DECLARING SEPTEMBER 2022 AND THE
MONTH OF SEPTEMBER OF EACH YEAR THEREAFTER AS
“SUICIDE PREVENTION AWARENESS MONTH”

WHEREAS, suicide is a leading cause of death in the United States, and a major public health concern; and

WHEREAS, according to the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (“CDC”), there was one death by suicide every 11 minutes in 2020; and

WHEREAS, according to the CDC, the number of people who think about or attempt suicide is even higher, with an estimated 12.2 million Americans seriously thinking about suicide, 3.2 million planning a suicide attempt, and 1.2 million attempting suicide in 2020; and

WHEREAS, according to the CDC, suicide affects people of all ages, and in 2020 was among the top nine leading causes of death for people aged 10-64, and was the second leading cause of death for people aged 10-14 and 25-34; and

WHEREAS, while the causes of suicide are complex, mental illness is among the contributing risk factors, according to the National Institute of Mental Health; and

WHEREAS, the United States Surgeon General has acknowledged that Americans are indicating increased mental health concerns, with many individuals facing hardship and social isolation as a result of the coronavirus disease 2019 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the United States Surgeon General has also stated that identifying and supporting people at risk, as well as increasing social connectedness and helping individuals build coping skills, are protective factors that can help prevent suicide; and

WHEREAS, the National Suicide Hotline Designation Act was signed into law after passage of bipartisan legislation in 2020, authorizing use of the new universal three-digit phone number 9-8-8 as part of a hotline system in the United States for individuals experiencing crisis; and

WHEREAS, September 10 is recognized annually as World Suicide Prevention Day; and

WHEREAS, in 2020, the United States Senate agreed to designate the month of September as “National Suicide Prevention Month”; and

WHEREAS, this Board seeks to promote awareness of the importance of suicide prevention resources in the community; and

WHEREAS, this Board finds that the month of September is an appropriate month to designate as Suicide Prevention Awareness Month,

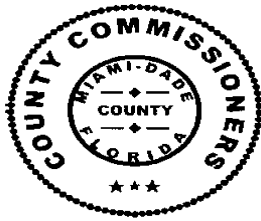
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that this Board declares September 2022, and the month of September of each year thereafter as “Suicide Prevention Awareness Month.”

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Senator René García. It was offered by Commissioner **Sally A. Heyman**, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by

Commissioner **Rebeca Sosa** and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

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

The Chairperson thereupon declared this resolution duly passed and adopted this 1st day of September, 2022. 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: **Basia Pruna**
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "KMM", is written over a horizontal line.

Kevin Marker