

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(5)

TO: Honorable Chairman Oliver G. Gilbert, III
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: June 21, 2023

FROM: Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution declaring June 27,
2023, and each June 27
thereafter, as "HIV Testing
Day" in Miami-Dade County

Resolution No. R-543-23

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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6-21-23

RESOLUTION NO. _____ R-543-23

RESOLUTION DECLARING JUNE 27, 2023, AND EACH
JUNE 27 THEREAFTER, AS “HIV TESTING DAY” IN MIAMI-
DADE COUNTY

WHEREAS, Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome (AIDS) is a chronic, potentially life-threatening condition caused by the Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV); and

WHEREAS, HIV and AIDS continue to be a major public health issue in the United States, with Florida, including Miami-Dade County, experiencing relatively high rates of new HIV diagnosis; and

WHEREAS, according to the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), an estimated 1.2 million people in the United States have HIV, with approximately 1 in 7 unaware that they have it; and

WHEREAS, new HIV diagnoses in Florida increased in 2021, according to the Florida Department of Health (FDOH); and

WHEREAS, certain races and ethnicities are disproportionately affected by HIV, with the highest rates of diagnosis reported among African Americans; and

WHEREAS, according to data from the FDOH, Florida observed an increase in new HIV diagnoses in Black females in 2021 compared to 2020, with Black females consistently experiencing higher rates of HIV diagnosis compared to White and Hispanic/Latina females; and

WHEREAS, nearly 40 percent of new HIV infections are transmitted by people who do not know they have the virus; and

WHEREAS, the CDC recommends that all individuals 13-64 years old be tested for HIV at least once during their lifetime, and persons at increased risk for HIV infection be tested at least annually; and

WHEREAS, June 27 is recognized as “National HIV Testing Day,” to encourage people to get tested for HIV; and

WHEREAS, for people with undiagnosed HIV, testing is the first step in maintaining a healthy life and preventing HIV transmission; and

WHEREAS, with early diagnosis, individuals can begin appropriate treatment and care, resulting in better health outcomes; and

WHEREAS, for example, studies have shown that providing antiretroviral therapy as early as possible after diagnosis improves a patient’s health, reduces transmission, and can eventually lead to undetectable HIV viral loads; and

WHEREAS, people who get tested and learn they do not have HIV can take advantage of HIV prevention tools to help protect them from the virus; and

WHEREAS, according to the FDOH, there are over 1,400 registered HIV test sites in Florida which provide high quality, confidential testing services at low or no cost; and

WHEREAS, this Board desires to promote awareness of the importance of HIV testing as a tool in the ongoing fight to end the HIV epidemic in Miami-Dade County and the United States,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that this Board hereby declares June 27, 2023, and the day of June 27 each year thereafter, as “HIV Testing Day” in Miami-Dade County.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Senator René García. It was offered by Commissioner **Danielle Cohen Higgins**, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **Marleine Bastien** and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Oliver G. Gilbert, III, Chairman	absent
Anthony Rodríguez, Vice Chairman	aye
Marleine Bastien	aye
Kevin Marino Cabrera	absent
Roberto J. Gonzalez	aye
Danielle Cohen Higgins	aye
Kionne L. McGhee	aye
Micky Steinberg	aye
Juan Carlos Bermudez	aye
Sen. René García	aye
Keon Hardemon	absent
Eileen Higgins	absent
Raquel A. Regalado	aye

The Chairperson thereupon declared this resolution duly passed and adopted this 21st day of June, 2023. 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

JUAN FERNANDEZ-BARQUIN, CLERK

By: Basia Pruna
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.

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Kevin Marker