

MEMORANDUM

Amended
Agenda Item No. 14(A)(3)

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

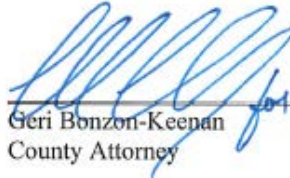
DATE: May 17, 2022

FROM: Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution recognizing the
month of May of 2022, and
the month of May each year
thereafter, as "Mental Health
Awareness Month"

Resolution No. R-498-22

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 _____	Amended Agenda Item No. 14(A)(3)
Veto _____		5-17-22
Override _____		

RESOLUTION NO. R-498-22

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE MONTH OF MAY OF 2022, AND THE MONTH OF MAY EACH YEAR THEREAFTER, AS “MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH”

WHEREAS, the coronavirus disease 2019 (“COVID-19”) pandemic has created national challenges related to mental health, with nearly 45 percent of adults in the United States reporting that their mental health has worsened since the start of the pandemic response in March 2020; and

WHEREAS, a recent study noted that because of the COVID-19 pandemic, one in three adults now reports symptoms of anxiety or depressive disorder; and

WHEREAS, many Americans are experiencing mental health challenges that they have never experienced before and are not equipped with the knowledge of how to navigate the complex mental health system; and

WHEREAS, according to 2022 U.S. Census Bureau estimates, the population of Miami-Dade County has reached 2,723,198 with a growth rate of 0.08 percent in the past year; and

WHEREAS, the National Alliance on Mental Illness states that one in five adults in the United States will experience some form of mental illness in a given year; and

WHEREAS, while one in five Miami-Dade County residents may experience a mental illness, there is still a stigma associated with mental illness and its treatment, even though over 500,000 of our residents may be suffering from a mental health condition at any given time; and

WHEREAS, the previously mentioned statistics do not include the significant ripple effects on their families and friends, which can include self-harm and violence towards others; and

WHEREAS, the impact of mental illness reaches families, neighborhoods, schools, and even workplaces; and

WHEREAS, mental health providers in Miami-Dade County have seen an increase in requested mental health services, indicating not only increased need, but increased willingness to seek help; and

WHEREAS, an important part of educating the community and erasing stigma is raising awareness around the fact that mental health services are inclusive of services other than a therapist or a medication prescriber; and

WHEREAS, mental health services may also include support and services that help individuals with mental illness recover holistically, inclusive of their social, vocational, and community contributions; and

WHEREAS, mental health services support not only the individuals who live with a mental illness, but also are beneficial to their families, friends, and the community at large by decreasing homelessness, hospitalizations, and criminalization of the mentally ill—all of which are a significant emotional, mental, and financial cost to our community; and

WHEREAS, May has been recognized as national Mental Health Awareness Month since 1949; and

WHEREAS, there is good cause to vary from the preliminary published agenda because the item is to recognize May as “Mental Health Awareness Month”, and this is the final meeting of this Board in May of 2022; and

WHEREAS, this Board would like to call attention to the current mental health crisis and promote awareness in the community by recognizing the month of May as “Mental Health Awareness Month,”

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

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

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

The Chairperson thereupon declared this resolution duly passed and adopted this 17th day of May, 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.

Christian J. Fernandez-Andes