

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A) (23)


TO: Honorable Chairwoman Rebeca Sosa
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: April 8, 2014

FROM: R. A. Cuevas, Jr.
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution recognizing the
month of April, 2014 as Sexual
Assault Awareness Month in
Miami-Dade County;
recognizing the month of April
each year thereafter as Sexual
Assault Awareness Month

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Chairwoman Rebeca Sosa.



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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
- ☐ 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 ____, 3/5's ____, unanimous ____) 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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4-8-14

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE MONTH OF APRIL, 2014 AS SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY; RECOGNIZING THE MONTH OF APRIL EACH YEAR THEREAFTER AS SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY; DIRECTING THE MAYOR OR DESIGNEE TO PREPARE A PLAN FOR A PUBLIC INFORMATION AND EDUCATIONAL CAMPAIGN, INCLUDING EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES, DURING SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, sexual violence is a very serious public health problem that affects millions of women and men; and

WHEREAS, sexual assault is a term that is used to encompass the multitude of ways in which a person can be violated in a sexual nature against her/his will, and is often defined as any sexual act directed against another person, that is forcible and/or against that person's will, or where that person is incapable of giving consent; and

WHEREAS, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, one in five women and one in 71 men living in the United States have been raped in their lifetime; and

WHEREAS, April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month in the United States; and

WHEREAS, sexual violence has also been used as a weapon of war in nearly every recent major conflict; and

WHEREAS, 122 countries recently endorsed the United Nations' historic Declaration of Commitment to End Sexual Violence in Conflict; and

WHEREAS, the Miami Herald and El Nuevo Herald recently published an op-ed piece by William Hague, the United Kingdom's Foreign Secretary and Angelina Jolie, Special Envoy

of the United Nations' Commissioner for Refugees, detailing both examples of sexual violence used as a weapon of war, and the international efforts to eradicate it; and

WHEREAS, the United Kingdom has launched the Preventing Sexual Violence Initiative, an international campaign calling for concerted action to address the use of sexual violence as a weapon of war; and

WHEREAS, this Board wishes to support these efforts and draw public attention to the problem of sexual violence used as a weapon of war; and

WHEREAS, in Miami-Dade County, this Board wishes to raise awareness of sexual violence, help educate the public about prevention, and show support of survivors during Sexual Assault Awareness Month; and

WHEREAS, in Miami-Dade County, victims of sexual assault can turn to a trusted sanctuary for help, the Roxcy Bolton Rape Treatment Center, which is turning 40 this year, thus making April 2014 more special for Miami-Dade County residents, and

WHEREAS, this Board wishes to encourage the wearing of the color teal and teal ribbons during the month of April, as these represent awareness of sexual violence, and are often used to commemorate Sexual Assault Awareness Month; and

WHEREAS, to promote awareness of these issues, and to applaud the efforts of those working to put an end to sexual violence in Miami-Dade County and across the world, this Board would like to recognize the month of April, 2014 as Sexual Assault Awareness Month in Miami-Dade County,

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

Section 1. Recognizes the month of April, 2014 as Sexual Assault Awareness Month in Miami-Dade County and further recognizes the month of April every year thereafter as Sexual Assault Awareness Month in Miami-Dade County.

Section 2. Directs the Mayor or designee to conduct in conjunction with community partners a public information and educational campaign, including events and activities, for Sexual Assault Awareness Month in Miami-Dade County the Month of April, 2014, as well as the month of April each year thereafter.

Section 3. Directs the Mayor or designee to provide a report to the Board by November 1, 2014 on a plan for a public information and educational campaign, including events and activities, for Sexual Assault Awareness Month each April thereafter.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Chairwoman Rebeca Sosa. 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:

Rebeca Sosa, Chairwoman
Lynda Bell, Vice Chair

Bruno A. Barreiro
Jose "Pepe" Diaz
Sally A. Heyman
Jean Monestime
Sen. Javier D. Souto
Juan C. Zapata

Esteban L. Bovo, Jr.
Audrey M. Edmonson
Barbara J. Jordan
Dennis C. Moss
Xavier L. Suarez

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The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 8th day of April, 2014. This resolution shall become effective ten (10) days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this 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.



Jorge Martinez-Esteve