

Dr. Wilbert "Tee" Holloway, Board Member

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 14-099 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING THE EPILEPSY FOUNDATION OF FLORIDA FOR ITS WORK IN THE COMMUNITY AND ACKNOWLEDGING NOVEMBER AS "NATIONAL EPILEPSY AWARENESS MONTH"

COMMITTEE: SCHOOL SUPPORT ACCOUNTABILITY

LINK TO STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK: STUDENT, PARENT, AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

The Epilepsy Foundation of Florida (EFOF) is at the forefront of the movement to overcome the challenges created by epilepsy, which affects roughly 400,000 Floridians, 84,000 of which are children. Every year the number of Floridians living with epilepsy increases by about 24,000. In fact, Floridians make up 12 percent of people living with epilepsy in the country.

Epilepsy is more common than Parkinson's disease and Multiple Sclerosis combined, and yet it receives less than one-twentieth of the funding for research from the National Institute of Health. Epilepsy is not a mental illness. It is a neurologic disorder characterized by abnormal brain electrical discharges. It is the third most common serious neurologic disorder after strokes and dementia. Over 50 percent of the time, the cause of epilepsy is not known. The other half of the time the cause is head injury, previous brain infection, tumor, stroke, birth trauma, and less common, genetic.

The EFOF provides medical and case management services to the most disadvantaged and underserved populations in the state. Through free clinics in Miami-Dade, Broward and Palm Beach counties, EFOF provides neurological evaluations, blood tests, EEGs and medical treatment for a comprehensive and consistent case management program. EFOF also provides support and education to the families of those living with epilepsy.

November is National Epilepsy Awareness Month and the Epilepsy Foundation is an unwavering ally in raising awareness, providing support, and funding research to bring new treatments and therapies to market in a timeframe that matters for people with seizures.

ACTION PROPOSED BY

DR. WILBERT "TEE" HOLLOWAY: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 14-099 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing the Epilepsy Foundation of Florida for its work in the community, and acknowledging November as "National Epilepsy Awareness Month."

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OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
RECOGNIZING THE EPILEPSY FOUNDATION OF FLORIDA FOR ITS WORK IN THE
COMMUNITY AND ACKNOWLEDGING NOVEMBER AS "NATIONAL EPILEPSY
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WHEREAS, the Epilepsy Foundation of Florida (EFOF) is at the forefront of the movement to overcome the challenges created by epilepsy, which affects roughly 400,000 Floridians, 84,000 of which are children. Every year the number of Floridians living with epilepsy increases by about 24,000. In fact, Floridians make up 12 percent of people living with epilepsy in the country; and

WHEREAS, Epilepsy is more common than Parkinson's disease and Multiple Sclerosis combined, and yet it receives less than one-twentieth of the funding for research from the National Institute of Health; and

WHEREAS, Epilepsy is not a mental illness. It is a neurologic disorder characterized by abnormal brain electrical discharges. Over 50 percent of the time, epilepsy is caused by a head injury, previous brain infection, tumor, stroke, birth trauma, and less common, genetic; and

WHEREAS, the EFOF provides medical and case management services to the most disadvantaged and underserved populations in the state. Through free clinics in Miami-Dade, Broward and Palm Beach counties, EFOF provides neurological evaluations, blood tests, EEGs and medical treatment for a comprehensive and consistent case management program; and

WHEREAS, November is National Epilepsy Awareness Month and the Epilepsy Foundation is an unwavering ally in raising awareness, providing support, and funding research to bring new treatments and therapies to market in a timeframe that matters for people with seizures;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 14-099 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing the Epilepsy Foundation of Florida for its work in the community, and acknowledging November as "National Epilepsy Awareness Month."

A copy of this resolution is placed in the permanent records of this Board.

Presented this nineteenth day of November, A.D. 2014

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary