

Meeting Date
<b>November 15, 2016</b>



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AGENDA	
Section	RESOLUTION
Item No.	<b>I F</b>

**AGENDA REPORT**  
*BREVARD COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS*

SUBJECT:	Resolution: Prematurity Awareness Day
DEPT/OFFICE:	County Commissioner Curt Smith, District 4

Requested Action:  
It is requested that the Board approve a resolution recognizing the March of Dimes in Brevard County and declaring November 17, 2016 as Prematurity Awareness Day.

Summary Explanation & Background:  
Mary Ann Sinar, Development Specialist, March of Dimes, will be there to accept the resolution

POC: Molly Tice 633-2044  
Molly.tice@brevardcounty.us

Exhibits Attached:

Contract /Agreement (If attached): Reviewed by County Attorney Yes  No  PR

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November 16, 2016

MEMORANDUM

TO: Commissioner Curt Smith, District 4 Attn: Molly Tice

RE: Item I.F., Resolution Recognizing the March of Dimes in Brevard County and Declaring November 17, 2016, Prematurity Awareness Day

The Board of County Commissioners, in regular session on November 15, 2016, adopted Resolution No. 16-205, to recognize the March of Dimes in Brevard County and declaring November 17, 2016, as Prematurity Awareness Day. Enclosed is a copy of the Resolution.

Your continued cooperation is always appreciated.

Sincerely,

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
SCOTT ELLIS, CLERK

Tammy Rowe, Deputy Clerk

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**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

*Resolution*

WHEREAS, the March of Dimes Foundation is a pioneer in improving the health of infants and women of childbearing age by preventing birth defects, premature birth, and infant mortality, and the March of Dimes was founded by President Franklin D. Roosevelt in 1938 to fight polio, and funded the development of two vaccines – still in use today – that virtually eliminated the crippling disease; and

WHEREAS, the March of Dimes in 1958, having achieved its initial mission, shifted its attention from polio to the prevention of birth defects, and through federal and state advocacy led the way in establishing a nationwide network of birth defects monitoring programs and research centers; and

WHEREAS, the March of Dimes has undertaken decades of groundbreaking research in maternal and child health, which has led to the discovery of lifesaving products and tests such as surfactant therapy for premature infants and tests to identify life-threatening birth defects; and

WHEREAS, the March of Dimes was a pioneer in the support of newborn screening, urging Congress to pass and fund the Newborn Screening Saves Lives Act, which in 2008 established national guidelines on the conditions states should include in newborn programs, and through state advocacy ensured that every state screens all newborns for that core set of conditions; and

WHEREAS, the March of Dimes is a long-time advocate for access to health care for women of childbearing age, infants, children, and families, ensuring they have access to private and public health coverage under private coverage, the State Children's Health Insurance Program, Medicaid, Title V Block Grant, and the Affordable Care Act; and

WHEREAS, the March of Dimes in 2003 launched the Prematurity Campaign to address the crisis of premature birth and help families have full-term, healthy babies, and authored the Premature Research Expansion and Education Act for Mothers (PREEMIE) Act, which Congress enacted in 2006 and reauthorized in 2013 to expand research, education, and services to fight premature births; and

WHEREAS, the March of Dimes has set a national goal of reducing preterm birth to 5.5 percent in every State by 2030, which will result in a healthier start in life for tens of thousands of infants, 22,387 babies are born premature in the State of Florida, representing ten percent of all State births, and Florida receives a grade of C and a disparity index ranking of 14 on the March of Dimes 2016 Premature Birth Report Card; and

WHEREAS, the March of Dimes in Florida has worked extensively to promote access to health services and health coverage, tobacco-related issues, birth spacing policies that help to reduce premature birth, and promote health equity, and the March of Dimes in Florida looks forward to partnering with the Brevard County Commissioners in response to the continued crisis of premature birth; and

WHEREAS, the month of November is recognized as World Prematurity Awareness Month to bring about recognition of this global health crisis, and November 17 is recognized as **PREMATURITY AWARENESS DAY** across the United States; and

WHEREAS, the March of Dimes and its volunteers continue to advocate for national and state health policies and programs that affect women of childbearing age, infants, children, and families.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA, does hereby declare November 17, 2016, as**

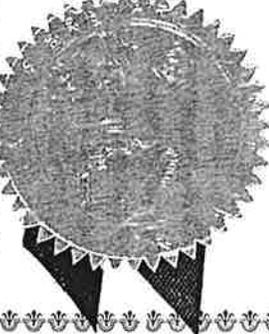
**PREMATURITY AWARENESS DAY**

DONE, ORDERED, AND ADOPTED in regular session this 15<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2016.

ATTEST:

  
SCOTT ELLIS, CLERK

  
JIM BARFIELD, CHAIRMAN  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA





### **2016 Prematurity Awareness Month Proclamation**

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WHEREAS, the March of Dimes was a pioneer in the support of newborn screening, urging Congress to pass and fund the Newborn Screening Saves Lives Act, which in 2008 established national guidelines on the conditions states should include in newborn programs, and through state advocacy ensured that every state screens all newborns for that core set of conditions, and

WHEREAS, the March of Dimes is a long-time advocate for access to health care for women of childbearing age, infants, children, and families, ensuring they have access to private and public health coverage under private coverage, the State Children's Health Insurance Program, Medicaid, Title V Block Grant, and the Affordable Care Act, and

WHEREAS, the March of Dimes in 2003 launched the Prematurity Campaign to address the crisis of premature birth and help families have full-term, healthy babies, and authored the Premature Research Expansion and Education Act for Mothers (PREEMIE) Act, which Congress enacted in 2006 and reauthorized in 2013 to expand research, education, and services to fight premature births, and

WHEREAS, the March of Dimes has set a national goal of reducing preterm birth to 5.5 percent in every state by 2030, which will result in a healthier start in life for tens of thousands of infants, and

WHEREAS, 22,387 babies are born premature in the state of Florida, representing ten percent of all state births, and

WHEREAS, Florida receives a grade of C and a disparity index ranking of 14 on the March of Dimes 2016 Premature Birth Report Card; and

WHEREAS, the March of Dimes in Florida has worked extensively to promote access to health services and health coverage, tobacco-related issues, birth spacing policies that help to reduce premature birth and promote health equity, and

WHEREAS, the March of Dimes in Florida looks forward to partnering with the Brevard County Commissioners in response to the continued crisis of premature birth, and

WHEREAS, the month of November is recognized as World Prematurity Awareness Month to bring about recognition of this global health crisis, and November 17 is recognized as Prematurity Awareness Day across the United States, and

WHEREAS, the March of Dimes and its volunteers continue to advocate for national and state health policies and programs that affect women of childbearing age, infants, children, and families, and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Curt Smith, Commissioner of Brevard County, Florida, do hereby extend special recognition to the March of Dimes in Brevard County and declare **November 17, 2016 as Prematurity Awareness Day.**

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 15 day of November, 2016.

Signature

## Lewis, Sally A

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**From:** Tice, Molly  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 10, 2016 12:20 PM  
**To:** Lewis, Sally A  
**Cc:** Woodard, Patrick; Christine Mulligan; Donna Scott; Tammy Rowe; deborah.thomas@brevardclerk.us; kimberly.powell@brevardclerk.us; Valliere, Jennifer  
**Subject:** Prematurity Awareness Day  
**Attachments:** AgendaReport 11152016 March of Dimes.docx; March of Dimes Prematurity Awareness Day Proclamation .docx

Good afternoon Sally,

Attached please find a resolution and agenda report for Prematurity Awareness Day for the November 15 BOCC meeting. We would greatly appreciate this being framed.

Thanks so much,

*Molly Tice*



**Molly Tice**

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