

**City of Coral Gables City Commission Meeting
Agenda Item G-3
July 13, 2021
City Commission Chambers
405 Biltmore Way, Coral Gables, FL**

City Commission

Mayor Vince Lago

Vice Mayor Michael Mena

Commissioner Rhonda Anderson

Commissioner Jorge Fors, Jr.

Commissioner Kirk Menendez

City Staff

City Manager, Peter Iglesias (Absent)

Assistant City Manager, Ed Santamaria

City Attorney, Miriam Ramos

City Clerk, Billy Urquia

Public Speaker(s)

Agenda Item G-3 [Start 4:58 p.m.]

A Resolution of the City Commission of Coral Gables, Florida recognizing the month of November as “National Alzheimer’s Disease Awareness Month” and expressing the City Commission’s support for efforts to eradicate Alzheimer’s Disease. (Sponsored by Commissioner Menendez)

Mayor Lago: Commissioner Menendez the floor is yours.

City Attorney Ramos: Just going to read it into the record.

Commissioner Menendez: Go ahead, please, thank you.

City Attorney Ramos: A Resolution of the City Commission of Coral Gables, Florida recognizing the month of November as “National Alzheimer’s Disease Awareness Month” and expressing the City Commission’s support for efforts to eradicate Alzheimer’s Disease.

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Commissioner Menendez: During this pandemic when I was knocking on doors and campaigning, I got to meet a lot of residents and one thing I noticed, and it's been confirmed by the numbers, the number of cases of Alzheimer's is increasing exponentially, its impacting lives, its changing lives not for the better. I'm sure we all know someone in our family or someone, friends that have a family member with Alzheimer's. Its debilitating, it's heartbreaking to watch the person who has been vibrant for all so many years to be dependent on others for their simple and basic care. My mother passed away at 92 from Alzheimer's two years ago and knocking on doors I realized how difficult it is for families to not only economically, financially, take care of them, but to watch a bright light dim with every passing day. The City of Coral Gables does more than perhaps any other city and having programs geared towards our residents, in terms of awareness and support with regards to Alzheimer's. UM is leading the charge in research on this deadly, horrible, debilitating disease, but there is so much more to do, and its something that at some point unfortunately, its going to touch all our lives one way or the other, and I just wanted to bring attention to this illness and I want the residents that are listening to know that you are not alone, because a lot of you feel that you are alone. You are trapped in the house, and you don't know where to turn to, but the City of Coral Gables is here for you. So, thank you for the opportunity to bring this resolution forward, making November, recognizing that Alzheimer's awareness month, and as you can tell it hits home.

Mayor Lago: Of course. I want to entertain a motion.

Commissioner Anderson: I'll move it.

Commissioner Menendez: I'll second. Thank you.

Vice Mayor Mena: Yes

Commissioner Menendez: Yes

Commissioner Anderson: Yes

Commissioner Fors: Yes

Mayor Lago: Yes

(Vote: 5-0)

Mayor Lago: Thank you.