

RESOLUTION NO. 25- 7

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PINELLAS COUNTY, FLORIDA, INDICATING THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' SUPPORT OF THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO LIGHT THE BOB GRAHAM SUNSHINE SKYWAY BRIDGE; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Bob Graham Sunshine Skyway Bridge (Skyway Bridge) is a part of the State and Federal highway system that spans Tampa Bay, with its northern terminus located in Pinellas County, its southern terminus located in Manatee County, and a portion of the bridge also located within Hillsborough County; and

WHEREAS, the bridge is an asset of the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), which can be lit in a manner to recognize or commemorate federal or state holidays and events of broad community interest or significance; and

WHEREAS, while FDOT reserves the right to decide bridge lighting displays, it is the policy of FDOT to seek and obtain the approval of local governments within which bridges are located prior to lighting the bridge; and

WHEREAS, FDOT routinely seeks the approval of Pinellas County accomplished by resolution of support by the Board of County Commissioners (Board); and

WHEREAS, formal action of the Board, including adoption of resolutions, cannot be accomplished outside of a properly noticed meeting that complies with Florida's sunshine laws.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Board of County Commissioners of Pinellas County, Florida, at a duly assembled meeting held on this 14th day of January, 2025, as follows:

Section 1. The Board of County Commissioners of Pinellas County has previously indicated its support via letter or resolution for the following organizations and/or causes:

1. Adenomyosis Awareness Month
2. Alopecia Areata Awareness Month
3. Alzheimer's Awareness Month
4. Bike to Work Day
5. Breast Cancer Awareness Month
6. Chiari Malformation
7. Childhood Cancer Awareness Week
8. Climb Out of Darkness
9. Domestic Violence Awareness

10. Donate Life Spirit Week
11. Drug Overdose Awareness
12. Endometriosis Awareness Month
13. First Responders Awareness
14. International Firefighters' Day
15. International Phelan-McDermid Syndrome Awareness Day
16. Lennox-Gastaut Syndrome Awareness
17. Light the Night for Fallen Firefighters
18. Mental Health Awareness Month
19. Metastatic Breast Cancer Awareness Day
20. Motorcycle Safety Month
21. National Adoption Awareness Day
22. National Cerebral Palsy Awareness Day
23. National Colon Cancer Awareness Month
24. National Go Red Day
25. National Multiple Sclerosis Day
26. National Organ Donor Day
27. National Police Week and Peace Officers Memorial Day
28. National Travel and Tourism Week
29. Operation Green Light for Veterans
30. Ovarian Cancer Awareness
31. Paint the Town Blue
32. Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Week
33. Prematurity Awareness Month
34. Premenstrual Dysphoric Disorder (PMDD)
35. Pride Month
36. Pulmonary Fibrosis Awareness Week
37. Red Ribbon Week
38. Sickle Cell Awareness
39. Slow Down and Move Over Law for First Responders Awareness
40. Superior Mesenteric Artery Syndrome Awareness Day
41. Tampa Bay Buccaneers
42. Tampa Bay Lightning
43. Tampa Bay Rays
44. The Climb
45. To Inform Families First Initiative (TIFF)
46. University of South Florida Commencement Week
47. World Diabetes Day
48. World Fragile X Awareness
49. World Hemophilia Day
50. World MS Day

Section 2. The Board hereby indicates its continued and ongoing support recognizing the previously approved organizations and/or causes indicated herein.

Section 3. The Board intends to recognize organizations and/or causes that are not indicated herein by way of a separate supportive resolution approved by the Board, after which time it is the Board's intent that such organization and/or cause be deemed as added to the list set forth in Section 1, for which ongoing support shall be considered granted.

Section 4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

Commissioner Flowers offered the foregoing Resolution and moved its adoption, which was seconded by Commissioner Latvala, and upon roll call the vote was:

Ayes: Scott, Eggers, Flowers, Latvala, Nowicki, Peters, and Scherer.

Nays: None.

Absent not voting: None.

APPROVED AS TO FORM

By: Donald S. Crowell
Office of the County Attorney

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