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DAVE EGGERS
COMMISSIONER

September 9, 2021

Kris Carson
FDOT, District 7
11201 N. McKinley Drive
Tampa, FL 33612

RE: Illumination of Sunshine Skyway Bridge for Red Ribbon Week

Dear Kris:

Marianne Dean, Overdose Data to Action Coordinator for the Department of Health in Pinellas County, has requested that the State of Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) illuminate the Sunshine Skyway Bridge RED from October 24th -31st in recognition of Red Ribbon Week.

FDOT has indicated that the approval of this request must include the support of the surrounding Counties including Pinellas.

The Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners has no objections to Ms. Dean's request and does not wish to restrict the lighting of the Sunshine Skyway Bridge as proposed.

Should you have questions or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Dave Eggers".

Dave Eggers, Chair
Pinellas County
Board of County Commissioners

cc: Board of County Commissioners
Barry Burton, County Administrator
Jewel White, County Attorney

Greenleaf, Kim

From: Dean, Marianne J <Marianne.Dean@flhealth.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, September 1, 2021 10:46 AM
To: Eggers, Dave; Seel, Karen; Peters, Kathleen; Robinson-Flowers, Rene; Justice, Charlie; Gerard, Pat; Long, Janet C
Subject: Red Ribbon Week October - Sunshine Skyway Bridge

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Good morning to the Commissioners of Pinellas County,

My name is Marianne Dean, Overdose Data to Action Coordinator for the Department of Health in Pinellas County where I am tasked to assist with prevention and awareness efforts through private, local, and state collaboration. I wanted to inquire about lighting up the Skyway Bridge in RED in honor of Red Ribbon Week October 23-31st which supports the largest drug-abuse prevention campaign in the nation (www.redribbon.org). I have been in contact with FDOT to determine the steps needed to execute this action, and I was tasked to gather supportive resolutions from Manatee, Hillsborough, and Pinellas Counties' Commissioners, including gathering broad public support. I think this would be an excellent way to show that our counties are unilaterally committed to the health and wellness of our residents, especially in drug prevention in our most vulnerable population – our children.

I am aware that the Capitol Building in Tallahassee, SunTrust building in Tampa, Acosta Bridge in Jacksonville, Amway Center and the American Airlines Arena in Orlando, MacArthur Causeway and the MDC's Freedom Tower in Miami, and many more FL landmarks are participating, and wanted to bring this to our tri-county landmark.

I have attached a link for more information about Red Ribbon Week at <https://www.redribbon.org/>, and in addition sent this request to the Commissioners of Manatee and Hillsborough Counties to gather support.

Thank you for your time, and your dedication to the citizens of Pinellas County. I look forward to your thoughts.

Cheers,



Marianne J. Dean, M.S.

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