

Proclamation



The Miami-Dade County Office of the Mayor and Board of County Commissioners

Whereas: Residents of Miami-Dade County living with Usher syndrome contribute to the civic, cultural, athletic, and economic life of this community as neighbors, parents, workers, students, and advocates; and

Whereas: Usher syndrome is a rare genetic condition causing hearing loss at or near birth, combined with progressive vision loss from retinitis pigmentosa, and is the leading genetic cause of combined deafness and blindness worldwide; and

Whereas: There is currently no cure, and families often navigate the Usher syndrome diagnosis in isolation, without access to others who share their experience, and early diagnosis opens access to educational support, orientation and mobility training, assistive technology, and participation in clinical research; and

Whereas: The 2026 campaign, "The Whole Story," invites individuals with Usher syndrome to share their full identities beyond their diagnosis, in accessible formats including text with image descriptions, audio with transcripts, and American Sign Language video with subtitles; and

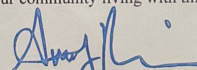
Whereas: Today, communities worldwide mark Usher Syndrome Awareness Day through local events, meetups, and education, and public recognition of Usher syndrome advances awareness of accessibility and inclusion for the deaf, blind, and deafblind residents of Miami-Dade County; and

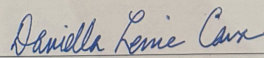
Now Therefore: BE IT RESOLVED, THAT I, DANIELLA LEVINE CAVA, MAYOR OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, CHAIRMAN ANTHONY RODRIGUEZ AND THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, ON BEHALF OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY AND THIS COMMUNITY, do hereby proclaim Saturday, September 19, 2026, as

Usher Syndrome Awareness Day

In Observance I call upon the good people of Miami-Dade County to join me in encouraging all residents to learn about
Thereof: Usher syndrome and to support the individuals and families in our community living with this condition.




Anthony Rodriguez
Chairman


Daniella Levine Cava
Mayor