

Before the Board of County Commissioners
Martin County, Florida
A Proclamation

Recognizing Glioblastoma Awareness Day in Martin County, Florida

- Whereas, glioblastoma (GBM) is the most common malignant brain tumor, accounting for approximately 50% of all primary malignant brain tumors, and it is the most aggressive, complex, difficult to treat and deadly type of brain tumor for which there is no known cure; and
- Whereas, approximately 14,490 new cases of GBM will be diagnosed in the U.S. this year, and it is estimated that more than 10,000 individuals will succumb to GBM each year; and
- Whereas, GBM is described as a disease that affects the "essence of self," as the treatment and removal of glioblastoma presents significant challenges due to the fragile nature of the brain; and
- Whereas, although research advances may fuel the development of new treatments for GBM, challenging obstacles towards new treatments remain and there are no screening or early detection methods; and
- Whereas, although glioblastoma was first described in medical and scientific literature in the 1920s, and despite its devastating prognosis, only 4 drugs and 1 medical device have been approved by the Food and Drug Administration to specifically treat glioblastoma; and
- Whereas, July 17, 2024 is "Glioblastoma Awareness Day," a day to express support for the individuals who are battling brain tumors, as well as the families, friends and caregivers of those individuals.

Now, therefore, be it proclaimed by the Martin County Board of County Commissioners that July 17, 2024 is recognized as Glioblastoma Awareness Day. Further, the Board thanks those who are currently spreading public awareness to our community and honors the individuals who have died from this devastating disease.

Presented this Ninth Day of July 2024

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