

Lee County Board Of County Commissioners
Agenda Item Summary

Blue Sheet No. **20031007**

1. REQUESTED MOTION:

ACTION REQUESTED:

Present Joey Bergsma Retinoblastoma Awareness Month Resolution.

WHY ACTION IS NECESSARY:

WHAT ACTION ACCOMPLISHES:

9:30 #3

3. MEETING DATE:

09-02-03

4. AGENDA:

- CONSENT
- ADMINISTRATIVE
- APPEALS
- PUBLIC
- WALK ON
- TIME REQUIRED:

5. REQUIREMENT/PURPOSE:
(Specify)

- STATUTE
- ORDINANCE
- ADMIN. CODE
- OTHER

6. REQUESTOR OF INFORMATION:

- A. COMMISSIONER Commissioner Albion
- B. DEPARTMENT County Commission
- C. DIVISION _____

BY: *Albion*
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7. BACKGROUND:

8. MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS:

9. RECOMMENDED APPROVAL:

A Department Director	B Purchasing or Contracts	C Human Resources	D Other	E County Attorney	F Budget Services				G County Manager
					OA	OM	Risk	GC	
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

10. COMMISSION ACTION:

- APPROVED
- DENIED
- DEFERRED
- OTHER



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RESOLUTION

- Whereas: Retinoblastoma is a very rare disease that affects children, causing the growth of malignant tumors in the retinal cell layer of the eye. Ninety percent of the cases occur in the first five years of life; and
- Whereas: It is the most common eye tumor in children, the third most common cancer that affects children overall and, if left untreated, Retinoblastoma is almost always fatal; and
- Whereas: Over the past 60 years the frequency with which Retinoblastoma occurs has increased and is seen in one out of every 12,000 children in the United States and 7,000 children worldwide die from the disease each year due to the delay in diagnosis; and
- Whereas: The key to saving lives and preserving visual function, is the early diagnosis and treatment of this disease; and
- Whereas: Lee County supports eye pathology screening at birth and all well-baby exams to ensure that everything is being done to detect ocular diseases in newborns, infants and toddlers. The examination only adds ten seconds of time to the regular exam and costs pennies—a small price to pay to ensure healthy vision for all of our children.

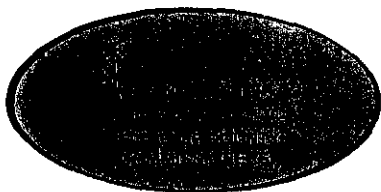
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE Board of County Commissioners of Lee County, Florida does hereby proclaim the month of September 2003 as

**JOEY BERGSMA RETINOBLASTOMA
AWARENESS MONTH**

in Lee County.

Duly Executed this 2nd day of September 2003.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
LEE COUNTY, FLORIDA



Chairman