

RESOLUTION

Board of Hennepin County Commissioners

RESOLUTION: 26-0100

At a meeting of the Board of Hennepin County Commissioners, a motion was made by Commissioner Anderson, and seconded by Commissioner Fernando, that the Resolution be adopted. The motion passed.

WHEREAS, GRI disorders are part of a larger family of genetic diseases related to ionotropic glutamate receptors, which play an important role in learning and memory as well as other critical biological functions; and

WHEREAS, parents of children with GRI disorders typically notice that something is wrong when infants begin missing milestones; and

WHEREAS, the most common symptoms of GRI disorders are developmental delay, intellectual disability, epilepsy, hypotonia, severe constipation, limited or non-verbal communication, paroxysmal sympathetic hyperactivity, cortical vision impairment, dystonia, sleep disorders, feeding difficulties, limited mobility and autism; and

WHEREAS, without a genetic diagnosis, some individuals are incorrectly diagnosed with cerebral palsy or other genetic neurodevelopmental disorders such as Angelman Syndrome; and

WHEREAS, the disorder is not degenerative, and biomedical research suggests that neurological symptoms may be reversed even after decades of severe symptoms; and

WHEREAS, there is currently no cure for GRI Disorders - but fortunately, there is hope. Scientists working at hospitals, universities, and pharmaceutical/biotechnology companies around the world are studying NMDA, AMPA, Kainate, and Delta receptors and the genes that code them. Some believe a cure (or multiple cures) will be discovered for GRI Disorders in the next ten to twenty years.

Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Hennepin County Board of Commissioners declares March to be GRI Awareness Month and extends their support to all families hoping for a cure.

Recommendation from County Administrator: Recommend Approval

RESOLUTION ADOPTED ON 3/17/2026

The question was on the adoption of the resolution with the votes as follows:

Aye: 5 Commissioner Fernando, Commissioner Lunde, Commissioner Greene, Commissioner Conley, and Commissioner Anderson

Absent: 2 Commissioner Goettel, and Commissioner Edelson

Maria Rose

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Maria Rose