

## MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 14(A)(3)

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**TO:** Honorable Chairman Bruno A. Barreiro  
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

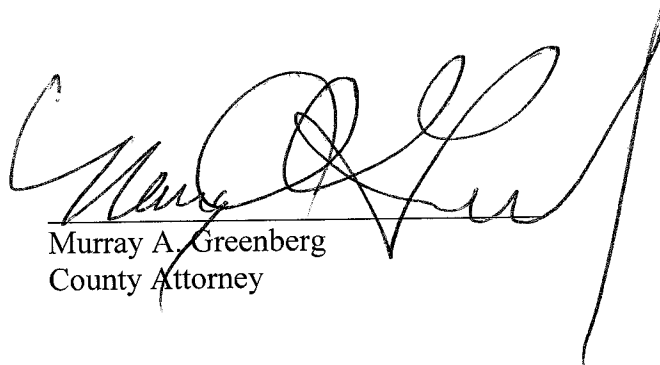
**DATE:** February 20, 2007

**FROM:** Murray A. Greenberg  
County Attorney

**SUBJECT:** Resolution relating to a  
temporary moratorium on  
detentions and deportations  
of undocumented, and non-  
criminal immigrants

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The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Commissioner Katy Sorenson, Chairman Bruno A. Barreiro, Commissioner Jose "Pepe" Diaz, Commissioner Audrey M. Edmonson, Commissioner Sally A. Heyman and Vice-Chairwoman Barbara J. Jordan.



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Please note any items checked.

- "4-Day Rule" ("3-Day Rule" for committees) applicable if raised
- 6 weeks required between first reading and public hearing
- 4 weeks notification to municipal officials required prior to public hearing
- Decreases revenues or increases expenditures without balancing budget
- Budget required
- Statement of fiscal impact required
- Bid waiver requiring County Manager's written recommendation
- Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Manager's report for public hearing
- Housekeeping item (no policy decision required)
- No committee review

Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Mayor  
Veto \_\_\_\_\_  
Override \_\_\_\_\_

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2-20-07

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

RESOLUTION URGING THE PRESIDENT AND U.S. SECRETARY OF HOMELAND SECURITY TO IMPOSE A TEMPORARY MORATORIUM ON DETENTIONS AND DEPORTATIONS OF UNDOCUMENTED, NON-CRIMINAL IMMIGRANTS AND PROSPECTIVE BENEFICIARIES OF COMPREHENSIVE IMMIGRATION REFORM LEGISLATION CURRENTLY PENDING IN CONGRESS

**WHEREAS**, comprehensive immigration reform legislation, including a generous path to legalization for millions of undocumented, non-criminal immigrants in the United States, was adopted by the U.S. Senate last May and is supported by the President and leading members of Congress including all members of the Florida Congressional Delegation; and

**WHEREAS**, undocumented, non-criminal immigrants have families and U.S.-born children, work hard, pay taxes, own businesses, and contribute to the social, cultural, and economic life of Miami-Dade County; and

**WHEREAS**, detentions and deportations destroy families, traumatize U.S.-born children, and disrupt the economic and social cohesion of our community; and

**WHEREAS**, it is immoral to detain and deport persons who may benefit from comprehensive immigration reform legislation which we support and which it is anticipated that Congress will enact this year; and

**WHEREAS**, Miami-Dade County is the most diverse county in the U.S. with sixty percent (60%) of our population hailing from abroad; and

**WHEREAS**, Florida's prosperous agricultural, tourism, construction, and other industries depend on the work and contributions of immigrants; and

**WHEREAS**, many who have fled political repression and turmoil in their homelands, instead of receiving justice and fairness, have too often been relegated to second-class citizenship and lives of fear, insecurity, intimidation, and exploitation; and

**WHEREAS**, approximately 5,000 children each year grow up in Florida and graduate from Florida high schools, but through no fault of their own, lack proper immigration documents making them unable to secure drivers' licenses or afford college, and causing them to live in fear of their parents' or their own deportation to lands they've never known and whose languages they don't speak; and

**WHEREAS**, current U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) detention and deportation policies effectively cause panic, fear, and family separations, impeding our need to build strong families and social networks; and

**WHEREAS**, Miami-Dade's Congressional Delegation strongly champions fair and generous comprehensive immigration reform legislation which provides a mechanism for adjustment of status to legal permanent residence in the United States to keep families together; and

**WHEREAS**, current DHS enforcement actions threaten Miami-Dade children, families, and communities by unnecessarily detaining and deporting thousands of individuals who would soon benefit from such legislation,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,** that this Board:

**Section 1.** Urges the President and the U.S. Secretary of Homeland Security to impose an immediate moratorium on all detentions and deportations of undocumented, non-criminal immigrants pending the outcome of fair and comprehensive immigration reform legislation currently pending before Congress.

**Section 2.** Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the U.S. President, the members of the Miami-Dade County Congressional Delegation and the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

**Section 3.** Directs the County's federal lobbyists to advocate for the action set forth in Section 1 above, and directs the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs to include this item in the 2007 Federal Legislative Package.

The foregoing resolution was sponsored by Commissioner Katy Sorenson, Chairman Bruno A. Barreiro, Commissioner Jose "Pepe" Diaz, Commissioner Audrey M. Edmonson, Commissioner Sally A. Heyman and Vice-Chairwoman Barbara J. Jordan and offered by Commissioner

, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by

Commissioner

and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Bruno A. Barreiro, Chairman	
Barbara J. Jordan, Vice-Chairwoman	
Jose "Pepe" Diaz	Audrey M. Edmonson
Carlos A. Gimenez	Sally A. Heyman
Joe A. Martinez	Dennis C. Moss
Dorrin D. Rolle	Natacha Seijas
Katy Sorenson	Rebeca Sosa
Sen. Javier D. Souto	

The Chairman thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 20<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2007. This resolution shall become effective ten (10) days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA  
BY ITS BOARD OF  
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

HARVEY RUVIN, CLERK

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as  
to form and legal sufficiency.



Jess M. McCarty