

## MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(27)

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**TO:** Honorable Chairwoman Rebeca Sosa  
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

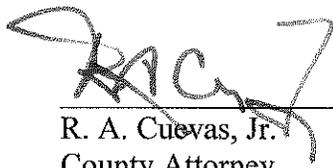
**DATE:** March 4, 2014

**FROM:** R. A. Cuevas, Jr.  
County Attorney

**SUBJECT:** Resolution urging the Florida  
Legislature to codesignate  
State Road 7/U.S. 441/NW 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Avenue from NW 183<sup>rd</sup>  
Street to County Line Road/  
NW 215<sup>th</sup> Street as "Nelson  
Mandela Avenue;" approving  
such codesignation; urging the  
City of Miami Gardens to  
approve such codesignation

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The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Barbara J. Jordan.

  
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(Revised)

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Please note any items checked.

- "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
- Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Mayor's report for public hearing
- No committee review
- Applicable legislation requires more than a majority vote (i.e., 2/3's \_\_\_\_, 3/5's \_\_\_\_, unanimous \_\_\_\_ ) to approve
- Current information regarding funding source, index code and available balance, and available capacity (if debt is contemplated) required

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

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3-4-14

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

RESOLUTION URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO CODESIGNATE STATE ROAD 7/U.S. 441/NW 2<sup>ND</sup> AVENUE FROM NW 183<sup>RD</sup> STREET TO COUNTY LINE ROAD/NW 215<sup>TH</sup> STREET AS "NELSON MANDELA AVENUE;" APPROVING SUCH CODESIGNATION; URGING THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS TO APPROVE SUCH CODESIGNATION

**WHEREAS**, Nelson Mandela was born on July 18, 1918 in Mvezo, South Africa; and

**WHEREAS**, for most of Mr. Mandela's life, South Africa's government was still very much a vestige of the country's colonial past by concentrating power in the hands of a white minority, disenfranchising the nation's black majority, and imposing a system of racial segregation known as apartheid; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Mandela attended and studied law at the University College at Fort Hare, which, at the time, was South Africa's only residential college for black Africans; and

**WHEREAS**, early on, Mr. Mandela already began to exhibit his trail-blazing spirit by opening the first black law partnership in South Africa before he had even completed his studies; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Mandela joined the African National Congress, a political organization that was founded to fight the systematic injustice that black South Africans faced from the government in power; he also co-founded the African National Congress' Youth League and quickly rose to prominence as a leading figure in South Africa's growing liberation movement; and

**WHEREAS**, he was arrested in 1962 for conspiracy to overthrow the apartheid government and sentenced to life imprisonment; and

**WHEREAS**, he remained imprisoned for 27 years; and

**WHEREAS**, his imprisonment prompted an international movement that lobbied for his release and an end to apartheid; for example, the United Nations General Assembly and Security Council called for the release of Nelson Mandela and other South African political prisoners, Pope John Paul II condemned South Africa's apartheid practices, the United States, United Kingdom, and 23 other nations imposed economic sanctions against South Africa, and many other governments and multinational corporations divested from South Africa as well; and

**WHEREAS**, while still in prison, Mr. Mandela took the lead and began negotiating with the South African government to bring an end to apartheid; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Mandela was finally released from prison on February 11, 1990, and he continued his negotiations with the South African government as the leader of the African National Congress; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Mandela earned the Nobel Peace Prize in 1993 for his considerable work in effectuating South Africa's peaceful transition from a system of apartheid to one of democratic equality and universal suffrage; and

**WHEREAS**, due in large part to Mr. Mandela's efforts, South Africa held its first truly democratic elections in April 1994; and

**WHEREAS**, the outcome of South Africa's 1994 elections led to the historic and peaceful transition of power from the National Party—which was comprised of the nation's white minority—to the African National Congress; and

**WHEREAS**, the newly elected government's first act was to elect Nelson Mandela as the nation's president; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Mandela used his presidency to help heal and unify South Africa and, in so doing, showed the entire world that love and cooperation are more powerful tools than hatred and retribution; and

**WHEREAS**, after his presidency, Mr. Mandela remained committed to the task of improving the lives of South Africans through his philanthropic work, which focused on combating HIV/AIDS and improving rural development and school construction; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Mandela died on December 5, 2013 at the age of 95; and

**WHEREAS**, this Board wishes to honor Mr. Mandela so that his life story may continue to inspire the citizens of Miami-Dade County to understand that the world can be indelibly -- changed for the better when one person stands up for what is right; and

**WHEREAS**, State Road 7/U.S. 441/NW 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue from NW 183<sup>rd</sup> Street to County Line Road/NW 215 Street is a state road located in the City of Miami Gardens; and

**WHEREAS**, this Board would like to honor the memory of Nelson Mandela by urging the Florida Legislature to codesignate State Road 7/U.S. 441/NW 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue from NW 183<sup>rd</sup> County Line Street to County Line Road/NW 215 street as "Nelson Mandela Avenue; and

**WHEREAS**, this proposed codesignation is located in County Commission District 1,

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

**Section 1.** Urges the Florida Legislature to codesignate State Road. 7/U.S. 441/NW 2nd Avenue from NW 183<sup>rd</sup> Street to County Line Road/NW 215th Street as “Nelson Mandela Avenue.”

**Section 2.** Approves the codesignation of State Road 7/U.S. 441/NW 2nd Avenue from NW 183<sup>rd</sup> Street to County Line Road/NW 215th Street as “Nelson Mandela Avenue.”

**Section 3.** Urges the City of Miami Gardens to approve this codesignation.

**Section 4.** Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit certified copies of the resolution to the Governor, Senate President, House Speaker, the Chair and members of the Miami-Dade State Legislative Delegation, the Secretary of the Florida Department of Transportation, the Mayor of The City of Miami Gardens and The Members of the Miami Gardens City Council.

**Section 5.** Directs the County’s state lobbyists to advocate for the issues identified in Section 1 above, and authorizes and directs the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs to amend the 2014 State Legislative Package previously approved by the Board to include this item.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Barbara J. Jordan. It was 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:

Rebeca Sosa, Chairwoman  
Lynda Bell, Vice Chair

Bruno A. Barreiro  
Jose "Pepe" Diaz  
Sally A. Heyman  
Jean Monestime  
Sen. Javier D. Souto  
Juan C. Zapata

Esteban L. Bovo, Jr.  
Audrey M. Edmonson  
Barbara J. Jordan  
Dennis C. Moss  
Xavier L. Suarez

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 4<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2014. 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



Michael B. Valdes