



## MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item 11(A)27 Supplement

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

DATE: March 4, 2014

FROM: Honorable Harvey Ruvin, Clerk  
Circuit and County Courts

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

Christopher Agrippa, Director  
Clerk of the Board Division

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Pursuant to Ordinance No. 13-29 of the Miami-Dade County Code, the Commission Auditor shall complete background research on any person, place, or thing that is the subject of a naming, renaming, or designation item or an item approving the co-designation of state or municipal roads, and shall prepare a report detailing the findings of said research prior to the Commission meeting during which the item is scheduled to be considered.

Attached for your information and review is the Commission Auditor’s findings regarding Item 11(A)27 on today’s agenda, 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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**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OFFICE OF THE COMMISSION AUDITOR**

**M E M O R A N D U M**

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

**FROM:** Charles Anderson  
Commission Auditor

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Charles Anderson", written over the printed name and title.

**DATE:** March 4, 2014

**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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Ordinance No. 13-29, adopted on April 2, 2013, requires the Office of the Commission Auditor (OCA) to complete background research on any person, organization, place or thing that is the subject of a naming, renaming or codesignation item.

In accordance with the Ordinance, we are providing this report as a supplement to the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) Agenda Item 11(A) (27).

Pursuant to Ordinance No. 13-29, the OCA completed background research regarding BCC Agenda Item 11(A) (27), and there were no adverse findings.

On June 29, 1990, Nelson Mandela brought his anti-apartheid message to South Florida, where despite pleas by local African-American leaders, the cities of Miami and Miami Beach, along with Miami-Dade County, refused to recognize Mandela when he visited the area for a labor conference. The Miami City Commission rescinded a proclamation honoring Mandela. Tourists angry at the treatment of Mandela, launched a boycott that lasted 1,000 days. According to several estimates, it cost the region somewhere between \$20 million and \$50 million.

On July 14, 2003, then-Mayor Alex Penelas apologized to 10,000 delegates attending the national convention of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) for the actions towards the former South African President Nelson Mandela.