

# MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(13)

**TO:** Honorable Chairman Jean Monestime  
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

**DATE:** March 17, 2015

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

**SUBJECT:** Resolution urging all Latin  
American Consulates in  
Miami-Dade County to  
communicate with their  
ambassadors to press for  
democratic reform in Cuba

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Juan C. Zapata.

  
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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

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3-17-15

Veto \_\_\_\_\_

Override \_\_\_\_\_

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

RESOLUTION URGING ALL LATIN AMERICAN  
CONSULATES IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY TO  
COMMUNICATE WITH THEIR AMBASSADORS TO PRESS  
FOR DEMOCRATIC REFORM IN CUBA

**WHEREAS**, for decades, communism has remained the form of government in Cuba;  
and

**WHEREAS**, the people of Cuba have been severely oppressed as a result of the Cuban  
communist regime; and

**WHEREAS**, for more than 50 years, the United States maintained a policy of economic  
sanctions and diplomatic isolation toward Cuba; and

**WHEREAS**, President Barack Obama recently announced a restoration of diplomatic  
and economic ties with Cuba, marking a shift in the United States-Cuba relationship; and

**WHEREAS**, the people of Cuba would greatly benefit from government reform; and

**WHEREAS**, Cuban President Raul Castro, however, stated publicly that Cuba will not  
abandon its communist form of government; and

**WHEREAS**, in light of the Cuban government's stance against political reform, Latin  
American governments should play an active role in encouraging democratic change in Cuba;  
and

**WHEREAS**, Latin American Consulates in Miami-Dade County serve as official  
representatives of their respective countries; and

**WHEREAS**, Latin American Consulates should communicate with their ambassadors to  
press for political change in Cuba,

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

**Section 1.** Urges all Latin American Consulates in Miami-Dade County to communicate with their ambassadors to press for democratic reform in Cuba.

**Section 2.** Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the Consulates General of all Latin American Consulates in Miami-Dade County and the United Nations Secretary-General.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Juan C. Zapata. 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:

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| Jean Monestime, Chairman            |                      |
| Esteban L. Bovo, Jr., Vice Chairman |                      |
| Bruno A. Barreiro                   | Daniella Levine Cava |
| Jose "Pepe" Diaz                    | Audrey M. Edmonson   |
| Sally A. Heyman                     | Barbara J. Jordan    |
| Dennis C. Moss                      | Rebeca Sosa          |
| Sen. Javier D. Souto                | Xavier L. Suarez     |
| Juan C. Zapata                      |                      |

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 17<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2015. This resolution shall become effective upon the earlier of (1) 10 days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the County Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board, or (2) approval by the County Mayor of this Resolution and the filing of this approval with the Clerk of the 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.

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