

# MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 14(A)(2)

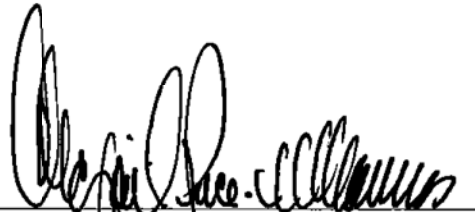
**TO:** Honorable Chairman Esteban L. Bovo, Jr.  
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

**DATE:** June 19, 2018

**FROM:** Abigail Price-Williams  
County Attorney

**SUBJECT:** Resolution honoring Las Damas  
de Blanco as the recipient of the  
2018 Milton Friedman Prize for  
Advancing Liberty

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Jose "Pepe" Diaz.



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County Attorney

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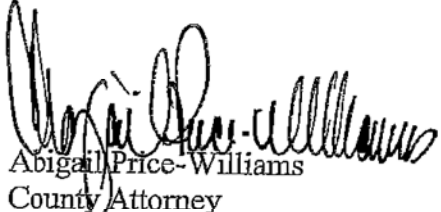


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Please note any items checked.

- "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
- Statement of social equity 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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6-19-18

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

RESOLUTION HONORING LAS DAMAS DE BLANCO AS  
THE RECIPIENT OF THE 2018 MILTON FRIEDMAN PRIZE  
FOR ADVANCING LIBERTY

**WHEREAS**, on May 17, 2018, Las Damas de Blanco was selected as the recipient of the 2018 Milton Friedman Prize for Advancing Liberty for their efforts to fight for freedom in Cuba; and

**WHEREAS**, Las Damas de Blanco – also known as the Ladies in White – is a human rights activist group composed of female relatives of imprisoned political prisoners, prisoners of conscience, and peaceful dissidents in Cuba; and

**WHEREAS**, the group was created in 2003 during the “Black Spring” in Cuba, a time in which over 75 human rights activists and journalists were arrested and sentenced to terms of up to 28 years in prison; and

**WHEREAS**, members of the group attend weekly Sunday masses wearing white dresses at the Church of Santa Rita in Havana, Cuba, and then march silently and peacefully through the streets of Havana holding photos of their imprisoned relatives; and

**WHEREAS**, Las Damas de Blanco advocate for the release of all political prisoners and for the freedom of the Cuban people; and

**WHEREAS**, despite peaceful protests, Amnesty International and the Human Rights Watch 2018 World Report have both noted that the Cuban police and law enforcement officials routinely harass and detain members of Las Damas de Blanco; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2005, Las Damas de Blanco was also selected to receive the Sakharov Prize for Freedom of Thought, but the group was not permitted to leave the island to receive the award; and

**WHEREAS**, the group has similarly been prohibited by the Cuban regime from leaving the island to accept the 2018 Milton Friedman Prize for Advancing Liberty; and

**WHEREAS**, this Board remains supportive of the efforts of Las Damas de Blanco and would like to honor the group's members for their activism and as the recipient of the prestigious 2018 Milton Friedman Prize for Advancing Liberty,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA**, that this Board Honors Las Damas de Blanco for receiving the 2018 Milton Friedman Prize for Advancing Liberty and commends the group's commitment to peacefully fight for the democratic aspirations of the Cuban people.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Jose "Pepe" Diaz. 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:

Esteban L. Bovo, Jr., Chairman	
Audrey M. Edmonson, Vice Chairwoman	
Daniella Levine Cava	Jose "Pepe" Diaz
Sally A. Heyman	Barbara J. Jordan
Joe A. Martinez	Jean Monestime
Dennis C. Moss	Rebeca Sosa
Sen. Javier D. Souto	Xavier L. Suarez
District 5 - Vacant	

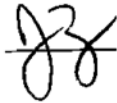
The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 19<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2018. This resolution shall become effective upon the earlier of (1) 10 days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the County Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an 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.



Javier Zapata