

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(21)

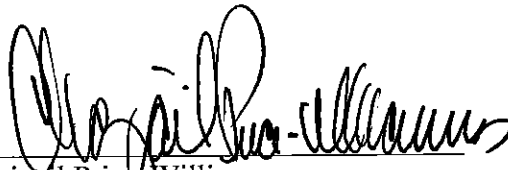
TO: Honorable Chairwoman Audrey M. Edmonson
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: January 23, 2019

FROM: Abigail Price-Williams
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution joining the United States in condemning the inauguration of Nicolas Maduro as President of Venezuela and refusing to recognize his presidency

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


Abigail Price-Williams
County Attorney

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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 ____, CDMP 7 vote requirement per 2-116.1(3)(h) or (4)(c) ____, CDMP 2/3 vote requirement per 2-116.1(3)(h) or (4)(c) ____, or CDMP 9 vote requirement per 2-116.1(4)(c)(2) ____) 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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1-23-19

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION JOINING THE UNITED STATES IN
CONDEMNING THE INAUGURATION OF NICOLAS
MADURO AS PRESIDENT OF VENEZUELA AND REFUSING
TO RECOGNIZE HIS PRESIDENCY

WHEREAS, on January 10, 2019, Nicolas Maduro was sworn in for a six-year term as president of Venezuela despite the ongoing economic and humanitarian crisis devastating the nation and attributable to his regime; and

WHEREAS, Maduro was re-elected on May 20, 2018, in an election widely denounced as a sham, and where just 25.8 percent of the Venezuelan electorate cast a vote; and

WHEREAS, 14 Latin American countries, the United States, Canada, the European Union, and the Organization of American States have all disputed or characterized the election as illegitimate; and

WHEREAS, contemporaneous with Maduro's inauguration, United States Secretary of State Michael R. Pompeo issued remarks condemning Maduro's "illegitimate usurpation of power following the unfree and unfair elections"; and

WHEREAS, United States National Security Advisor John Bolton stated that the United States "will not recognize the Maduro dictatorship's illegitimate inauguration"; and

WHEREAS, the United States continues to impose sanctions on individuals whose actions have thwarted the restoration of democratic order in Venezuela; and

WHEREAS, the United States and this Board continue to recognize Venezuela's legitimately elected National Assembly; and

WHEREAS, this Board has repeatedly taken steps to condemn the actions of the Maduro regime while supporting diplomatic efforts to promote democracy in Venezuela, including:

- Resolution No. R-253-14, which condemned the Venezuelan government for using violence and intimidation against political opposition and urged the federal government to take immediate diplomatic action;
- Resolution No. R-455-14, which urged the previous administration and the Secretary of Homeland Security to grant temporary protected status to Venezuelan nationals in the United States;
- Resolution No. R-526-17, which urged the federal government to impose sanctions on officials or persons acting on behalf of the Venezuelan government whom the President determined are responsible for, or complicit in, the commission of serious human rights abuses;
- Resolution No. R-527-17, which supported House Resolution 259, a federal resolution expressing concern over and condemnation of the political, economic, social, and humanitarian crisis in Venezuela;
- Resolution No. R-528-17, which supported H.R. 2161, a bill entitled the Venezuelan Refugee Assistance Act, which would allow Venezuelans in the United States to apply for legal permanent resident status;
- Resolution No. R-530-17, which further condemned the Venezuelan government for using violence and intimidation against political opposition and continued to urge the federal government to take immediate diplomatic action;
- Resolution No. R-777-17, which urged the federal government and the State of Florida to support economic sanctions against the Venezuelan government;
- Resolution No. R-788-17, which commended the U.S. Department of the Treasury's sanctioning of Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro and transmitted further correspondence to President Donald J. Trump; and
- Resolution No. R-556-18, which supported a Presidential Executive Order prohibiting certain financial transactions with the Venezuelan government and condemned the May 20, 2018 sham presidential election in Venezuela; and

WHEREAS, this Board wishes to join the United States in condemning the inauguration of Nicolas Maduro as President of Venezuela and refusing to recognize his presidency,

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

Section 1. Joins the United States in condemning the inauguration of Nicolas Maduro as President of Venezuela and refusing to recognize his presidency.

Section 2. Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the President of the United States and United States Secretary of State Michael R. Pompeo.

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:

Audrey M. Edmonson, Chairwoman
Rebeca Sosa, Vice Chairwoman

Esteban L. Bovo, Jr.	Daniella Levine Cava
Jose “Pepe” Diaz	Sally A. Heyman
Eileen Higgins	Barbara J. Jordan
Joe A. Martinez	Jean Monestime
Dennis C. Moss	Sen. Javier D. Souto
Xavier L. Suarez	

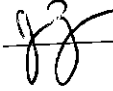
The Chairperson thereupon declared this resolution duly passed and adopted this 23rd day of January, 2019. This resolution shall become effective upon the earlier of (1) 10 days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the County Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override 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