

# MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 14(A)(1)

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

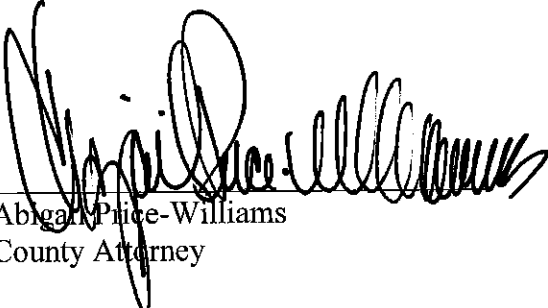
**DATE:** February 5, 2019

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

**SUBJECT:** Resolution joining the United  
States in recognizing Juan  
Guaidó as interim president  
of Venezuela

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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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(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
- 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 \_\_\_\_\_

Agenda Item No. 14(A)(1)  
2-5-19

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

RESOLUTION JOINING THE UNITED STATES IN  
RECOGNIZING JUAN GUAIDÓ AS INTERIM PRESIDENT OF  
VENEZUELA

**WHEREAS**, on January 23, 2019, Juan Guaidó, the leader of Venezuela's legitimately elected National Assembly, declared himself interim president of Venezuela; and

**WHEREAS**, the United States, along with numerous South American countries and Canada, have declared and recognized Guaidó as interim president of Venezuela; and

**WHEREAS**, Nicolás Maduro, who was recently sworn in for a six-year term as president of Venezuela following a May 20, 2018 sham election, has been widely denounced by nations and geopolitical entities worldwide, including the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, Maduro has since severed diplomatic relations with the United States and ordered all United States diplomats to leave Venezuela; and

**WHEREAS**, like the United States, this Board refuses to recognize Maduro's illegitimate presidency; and

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

**WHEREAS**, Venezuela's constitution states that a presidential vacancy is filled by the head of the national Legislature until new elections occur; 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;
- 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;
- Resolution No. R-88-19, which urged the United States Congress to enact legislation to provide humanitarian relief to the Venezuelan people and advance a constitutional and democratic solution to Venezuela's political crisis;
- Resolution No. R-90-19, which joined the United States in condemning the inauguration of Nicolas Maduro as President of Venezuela; and

**WHEREAS**, this Board wishes to join the United States in recognizing Juan Guaidó as interim president of Venezuela,

**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 recognizing Juan Guaidó as interim president of Venezuela.

**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:

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| 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 5<sup>th</sup> day of February, 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