

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(9)

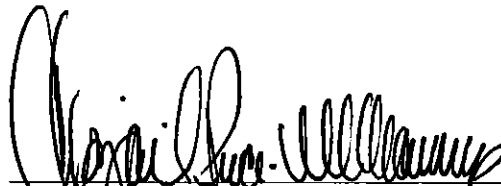
TO: Honorable Chairwoman Audrey M. Edmonson
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: July 10, 2019

FROM: Abigail Price-Williams
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution supporting the efforts
of United States Senator Marco
Rubio in urging United States
Attorney General William Barr
to create a special task force to
investigate and prosecute crimes
committed by Venezuela's
Maduro regime

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


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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 present ____, 2/3 membership ____, 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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7-10-19

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE EFFORTS OF UNITED STATES SENATOR MARCO RUBIO IN URGING UNITED STATES ATTORNEY GENERAL WILLIAM BARR TO CREATE A SPECIAL TASK FORCE TO INVESTIGATE AND PROSECUTE CRIMES COMMITTED BY VENEZUELA'S MADURO REGIME

WHEREAS, on June 7, 2019, United States Senator Marco Rubio (R – Florida), as a matter of regional stability and national security, sent a letter to United States Attorney General William Barr urging him to prioritize the investigation and prosecution of Nicolás Maduro and his regime; and

WHEREAS, Maduro continues to illegitimately hold himself out as the president of Venezuela; and

WHEREAS, on January 23, 2019, Juan Guaidó became the legitimate interim president and head of the National Assembly of Venezuela; and

WHEREAS, this Board joined the United States and numerous countries in recognizing Juan Guaidó as the rightful interim president of Venezuela and will continue to recognize Venezuela's legitimately elected National Assembly; and

WHEREAS, the Maduro regime created an immense humanitarian crisis and continues to profit from its many crimes against Venezuela, its citizens, and humanity, including:

- Illegal mining and trafficking of minerals;
- Transnational drug trafficking;
- Theft of substantial sums of money from the Venezuelan government;
- Illegal detainment, torture, and murder of political opponents; and

- Providing safe haven to United States-designated Foreign Terrorist Organizations;
and

WHEREAS, the Maduro regime threatens not only Venezuela and its citizens but also the United States and people well beyond the borders of Venezuela, including allies of the United States in the region, and is a threat to democracy, regional stability, and our own national security;
and

WHEREAS, the consolidation of efforts into a special task force will allow the United States Department of Justice to more effectively support and empower its investigators and prosecutors to serve justice on the Maduro regime; and

WHEREAS, this Board has repeatedly taken steps to condemn the actions of the Maduro regime while supporting diplomatic efforts to promote democracy, human rights, and freedom in Venezuela; and

WHEREAS, this Board supports the creation of a special task force to investigate and prosecute crimes committed by the Maduro regime,

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

Section 1. Supports the efforts of United States Senator Marco Rubio in urging United States Attorney General William Barr to create a special task force to investigate and prosecute crimes committed by Venezuela's Maduro regime.

Section 2. Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the members of the Florida Congressional Delegation.

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 10th day of July, 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.

RC

Ryan Carlin