MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(9)

TO:

Honorable Chairwoman Audrey M. Edmonson

and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE:

July 23, 2019

FROM:

Abigail Price-Williams

County Attorney

SUBJECT:

Resolution directing the County

Mayor to conduct a security assessment of the risks posed by foreign intelligence agents at Miami International Airport

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Esteban L. Boyo, Jr. and Co-Sponsor Vice Chairwoman Rebeca Sosa.

Abigail Price-Williams

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Honorable Chairwoman Audrey M. Edmonson

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FROM:	And Members, Board of County Commissioners Apigail Price-Williams County Attorney	SUBJECT: Agenda Item No.11(A)(9)	
Plea	se 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 expendi	tures without balancing budget	
	Budget required		
	Statement of fiscal impact required		
	Statement of social equity required		
	Ordinance creating a new board required report for public hearing	s detailed County Mayor's	
	No committee review	•	
	Applicable legislation requires more than present, 2/3 membership, 3/5's 7 vote requirement per 2-116.1(3)(h) or (4)(c) requirement per 2-116.1(4)(c)(2)) to	s, unanimous, CDMP 4)(c), CDMP 2/3 vote , or CDMP 9 vote	
	Current information regarding funding s balance, and available capacity (if debt is	source, index code and available s contemplated) required	



Approved _	Mayor	Agenda Item No.	11(A)(9)
Veto _		7 - 23 - 19	
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RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO CONDUCT A SECURITY ASSESSMENT OF THE RISKS POSED BY FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE AGENTS AT MIAMI INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

WHEREAS, Miami International Airport (MIA) is the leading economic engine for South Florida, and a critical piece of infrastructure for the community; and

WHEREAS, MIA is also one of the leading ports of entry and departure for foreign persons and cargo entering and leaving the United States; and

WHEREAS, foreign intelligence agents may attempt to subvert operations at MIA for their own purposes, or may attempt to disrupt operations at MIA; and

WHEREAS, there are recent reports that Cuban spies have infiltrated MIA seeking confidential security information; and

WHEREAS, the Cuban dictatorial regime has historically acted as an ally to our Nation's enemies and this cannot go overlooked; and

WHEREAS, while MIA leadership has indicated that it does not believe these reports are credible, it is incumbent on Miami-Dade County to take all necessary precautions to ensure the security of MIA,

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

Section 1. Directs the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to conduct a review of existing security at MIA to determine areas of potential vulnerability to foreign intelligence

agents; this review shall include MIA's physical layout, its security procedures, including badging and access protocols, and computer and network security. This review shall be conducted, to the maximum extent possible, with the cooperation and assistance of federal, state, and local agencies responsible for national security and law enforcement. Where the review identifies vulnerabilities, the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee is directed to immediately implement a plan to address such vulnerabilities, and to, if necessary, allocate funds in the next available budget sufficient to address same.

Section 2. Directs the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to provide briefings to members of this Board regarding potential vulnerabilities, to the extent allowed by federal and state law.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Esteban L. Bovo, Jr. and the Co-Sponsor is Vice Chairwoman Rebeca Sosa. 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 Sally A. Heyman

Jose "Pepe" Diaz Eileen Higgins

Barbara J. Jordan

Joe A. Martinez

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Dennis C. Moss

Xavier L. Suarez

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The Chairperson thereupon declared this resolution duly passed and adopted this 23rd 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

Approved by County Attorney as to form and legal sufficiency.

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David M. Murray