MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(2)

TO:

Honorable Chairwoman Audrey M. Edmonson

and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE:

July 23, 2019

FROM:

Abigail Price-Williams

County Attorney

SUBJECT:

Resolution supporting the

decision of the United States Department of Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Control to sanction a Cuban state-run company for importing oil from

Venezuela

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Esteban L. Bovo, Jr.

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Pleas	e note any items checked.	
	"3-Day Rule" for committees applicable i	f raised
	6 weeks required between first reading ar	nd public hearing
	4 weeks notification to municipal officials hearing	required prior to public
	Decreases revenues or increases expendit	ures without balancing budget
	Budget required	
	Statement of fiscal impact required	
	Statement of social equity required	
	Ordinance creating a new board requires report for public hearing	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 requirement per 2-116.1(3)(h) or (4)(c) requirement per 2-116.1(4)(c)(2)) to	, unanimous, CDMP (1)(c), CDMP 2/3 vote , or CDMP 9 vote
	Current information regarding funding s balance, and available capacity (if debt is	

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RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE DECISION OF THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY'S OFFICE OF FOREIGN ASSETS CONTROL TO SANCTION A CUBAN STATE-RUN COMPANY FOR IMPORTING OIL FROM VENEZUELA

WHEREAS, on July 3, 2019, the Department of Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) sanctioned Cubametales, the Cuban state-run oil import and export company, for its continued importation of oil from Venezuela; and

WHEREAS, Nicolás Maduro continues to illegitimately present himself 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, Cuba, in exchange for oil, continues to support, by way of defense, intelligence, technology, and military assistance, the illegitimate Maduro regime; and

WHEREAS, Cuba's support continues to strengthen the Maduro regime and maintain the regime's control over the increasingly impoverished Venezuelan people; and

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

WHEREAS, as a result of OFAC's decision to sanction Cubametales, all property and interests in property of Cubametales and of any entities that are 50 percent or more owned by Cubametales, directly or indirectly, that are in the United States or in the possession or control of United States persons are blocked and must be reported to OFAC; 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 OFAC's decision to sanction Cubametales for its continued importation of oil from Venezuela,

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

Section 1. Supports the decision of the United States Department of Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Control to sanction Cubametales, the Cuban state-run oil company, for its continued importation of oil from Venezuela.

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 United States Secretary of the Treasury, and the Director of the Office of Foreign Assets Control.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Esteban L. Bovo, Jr.

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. Jose "Pepe" Diaz Eileen Higgins Joe A. Martinez Dennis C. Moss

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Xavier L. Suarez

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

By:	
Deputy Clerk	

Approved by County Attorney as to form and legal sufficiency.

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Ryan Carlin