

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(4)

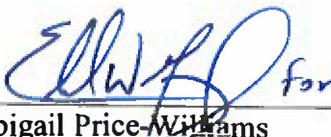
TO: Honorable Chairwoman Audrey M. Edmonson
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: April 7, 2020

FROM: Abigail Price-Williams
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution urging the Federal
Aviation Administration to
prohibit travel to and from Cuba
due to possible coronavirus cases
in Cuba and the Cuban
government's unwillingness to
be forthright about such cases

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



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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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4-7-20

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION URGING THE FEDERAL AVIATION
ADMINISTRATION TO PROHIBIT TRAVEL TO AND FROM
CUBA DUE TO POSSIBLE CORONAVIRUS CASES IN CUBA
AND THE CUBAN GOVERNMENT'S UNWILLINGNESS TO
BE FORTHRIGHT ABOUT SUCH CASES

WHEREAS, the 2019 novel coronavirus, now called SARS-CoV-2, has caused an outbreak of illness (COVID-19) that started in December 2019 in China and spread to other countries; and

WHEREAS, on January 30, 2020, the World Health Organization declared the outbreak a global health emergency; and

WHEREAS, today, more than 3,000 people have died globally from the illness, while more than 89,000 infections have been confirmed in at least 57 countries, including the United States; and

WHEREAS, people who get sick from the new coronavirus may have mild symptoms, such as a cough or fever, or more serious ones, such as pneumonia; and

WHEREAS, the Center for Disease Control and Prevention and many experts have shared that one of the ways to contain the virus is to monitor and quarantine people who have traveled to places where many people have gotten sick with COVID-19 in order to protect their health and the health of other people in the community; and

WHEREAS, as a result, it is vital that countries are forthright when they identify positive cases of the virus; and

WHEREAS, although the Cuban press continues to deny rumors about the existence of COVID-19 in Cuba, there are reports that three Cubans returned from Italy with symptoms of respiratory disease; and

WHEREAS, this is not the first time rumors have circulated about possible patients with the illness, nonetheless, Cuban medical officials insist there are no confirmed cases despite recognizing the detection of people suspected of suffering from virus; and

WHEREAS, the trade and diplomatic relations between China and Cuba have significantly strengthened in recent years and Cuba's proximity to South Florida makes such relations especially concerning; and

WHEREAS, furthermore, given the rogue nature of these two governments, which are known for not being forthcoming with certain information, we must be on special alert and take all preventive steps; and

WHEREAS, the risk of the pandemic is far too great to continue to allow travel to and from countries that are not presumably forthright and are not well equipped to detect and contain COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, accordingly, this Board would like to urge the Federal Aviation Administration to prohibit travel to and from Cuba due to possible coronavirus cases in Cuba and the Cuban government's unwillingness to be forthright about such cases,

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

Section 1. Urges the Federal Aviation Administration to prohibit travel to and from Cuba due to possible coronavirus cases in Cuba and the Cuban government’s unwillingness to be forthright about such cases.

Section 2. Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the members of the Florida Congressional Delegation and the United States Secretary of Transportation.

Section 3. Directs the County’s federal lobbyists to advocate for the action set forth in section 1 above, and authorizes and directs the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs to amend the 2020 Federal Legislative Package to include this item.

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:

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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 the resolution duly passed and adopted this 7th day of April, 2020. 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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