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Agenda Item No. 14(A)(3)
2-20-07

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CLERK OF THE BOARD
OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

RESOLUTION NO. R-203-07

RESOLUTION URGING THE PRESIDENT AND U.S. SECRETARY OF HOMELAND SECURITY TO IMPOSE A TEMPORARY MORATORIUM ON DETENTIONS AND DEPORTATIONS OF UNDOCUMENTED, NON-CRIMINAL IMMIGRANTS AND PROSPECTIVE BENEFICIARIES OF COMPREHENSIVE IMMIGRATION REFORM LEGISLATION CURRENTLY PENDING IN CONGRESS

WHEREAS, comprehensive immigration reform legislation, including a generous path to legalization for millions of undocumented, non-criminal immigrants in the United States, was adopted by the U.S. Senate last May and is supported by the President and leading members of Congress including all members of the Florida Congressional Delegation; and

WHEREAS, undocumented, non-criminal immigrants have families and U.S.-born children, work hard, pay taxes, own businesses, and contribute to the social, cultural, and economic life of Miami-Dade County; and

WHEREAS, detentions and deportations destroy families, traumatize U.S.-born children, and disrupt the economic and social cohesion of our community; and

WHEREAS, it is immoral to detain and deport persons who may benefit from comprehensive immigration reform legislation which we support and which it is anticipated that Congress will enact this year; and

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County is the most diverse county in the U.S. with sixty percent (60%) of our population hailing from abroad; and

WHEREAS, Florida's prosperous agricultural, tourism, construction, and other industries depend on the work and contributions of immigrants; and

WHEREAS, many who have fled political repression and turmoil in their homelands, instead of receiving justice and fairness, have too often been relegated to second-class citizenship and lives of fear, insecurity, intimidation, and exploitation; and

WHEREAS, approximately 5,000 children each year grow up in Florida and graduate from Florida high schools, but through no fault of their own, lack proper immigration documents making them unable to secure drivers' licenses or afford college, and causing them to live in fear of their parents' or their own deportation to lands they've never known and whose languages they don't speak; and

WHEREAS, current U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) detention and deportation policies effectively cause panic, fear, and family separations, impeding our need to build strong families and social networks; and

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade's Congressional Delegation strongly champions fair and generous comprehensive immigration reform legislation which provides a mechanism for adjustment of status to legal permanent residence in the United States to keep families together; and

WHEREAS, current DHS enforcement actions threaten Miami-Dade children, families, and communities by unnecessarily detaining and deporting thousands of individuals who would soon benefit from such legislation,

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

Section 1. Urges the President and the U.S. Secretary of Homeland Security to impose an immediate moratorium on all detentions and deportations of undocumented, non-criminal immigrants pending the outcome of fair and comprehensive immigration reform legislation currently pending before Congress.

Section 2. Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the U.S. President, the members of the Miami-Dade County Congressional Delegation and the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

Section 3. Directs the County's federal lobbyists to advocate for the action set forth in Section 1 above, and directs the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs to include this item in the 2007 Federal Legislative Package.

The foregoing resolution was sponsored by Commissioner Katy Sorenson, Chairman Bruno A. Barreiro, Commissioner Jose "Pepe" Diaz, Commissioner Audrey M. Edmonson, Commissioner Sally A. Heyman and Vice-Chairwoman Barbara J. Jordan and offered by Commissioner

Katy Sorenson, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jose "Pepe" Diaz and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

	Bruno A. Barreiro, Chairman	aye	
	Barbara J. Jordan, Vice-Chairwoman	aye	
Jose "Pepe" Diaz	aye	Audrey M. Edmonson	aye
Carlos A. Gimenez	aye	Sally A. Heyman	aye
Joe A. Martinez	aye	Dennis C. Moss	aye
Dorin D. Rolle	aye	Natacha Seijas	absent
Katy Sorenson	aye	Rebeca Sosa	aye
Sen. Javier D. Souto	aye		

The Chairman thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 20th day of February, 2007. This resolution shall become effective ten (10) days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board.



MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA
BY ITS BOARD OF
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

HARVEY RUVIN, CLERK

By: **KAY SULLIVAN**
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "JMM".

Jess M. McCarty

MEMORANDUM

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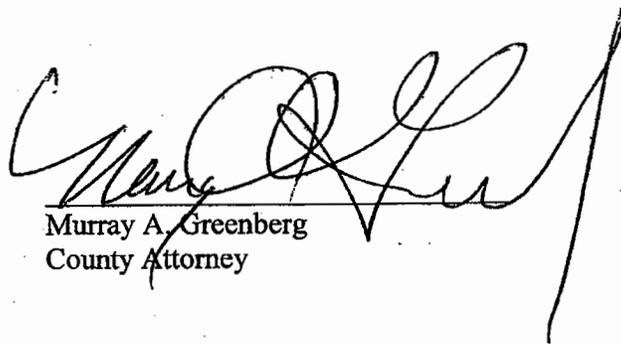
TO: Honorable Chairman Bruno A. Barreiro
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: February 20, 2007

FROM: Murray A. Greenberg
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution relating to a
temporary moratorium on
detentions and deportations
of undocumented, and non-
criminal immigrants

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Commissioner Katy Sorenson, Chairman Bruno A. Barreiro, Commissioner Jose "Pepe" Diaz, Commissioner Audrey M. Edmonson, Commissioner Sally A. Heyman and Vice-Chairwoman Barbara J. Jordan.



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County Attorney

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MEMORANDUM

(Revised)

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Please note any items checked.

- "4-Day Rule" ("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
- Bid waiver requiring County Manager's written recommendation
- Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Manager's report for public hearing
- Housekeeping item (no policy decision required)
- No committee review