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MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

MEMORANDUM Agenda Item No. 11(A)(30)

TO: Honorable Chairman Joe A. Martinez and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: May 1, 2012

FROM: R. A. Cuevas, Jr. County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution expressing the Board's intent to commemorate the 110th anniversary of Cuba's independence and recognize the role of women in Cuba's Historical struggle for freedom, equality and human rights

Resolution No. R-419-12

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsors Chairman Joe A. Martinez.

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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**

_____ **Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Manager's report for public hearing**

✓ **No committee review**

_____ **Applicable legislation requires more than a majority vote (i.e., 2/3's ____, 3/5's ____, unanimous_____) 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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5-1-12

RESOLUTION NO. R-419-12

RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE BOARD'S INTENT TO COMMEMORATE THE 110TH ANNIVERSARY OF CUBA'S INDEPENDENCE AND RECOGNIZE THE ROLE OF WOMEN IN CUBA'S HISTORICAL STRUGGLE FOR FREEDOM, EQUALITY AND HUMAN RIGHTS

WHEREAS, May 20, 2012 marks the 110th anniversary of Cuba's independence; and

WHEREAS, Cuba's women have a strong history of promoting freedom, even at great personal risk, and played an important role in the struggle for Cuban independence; and

WHEREAS, countless Cuban women, from both inside and outside the island, have championed the cause of freedom, such as "The Ladies of Havana," who helped finance the United States Revolutionary War, to Mariana Grajales Coello, known as "The Mother of the Cuban Nation," and Magdalena Peñarredonda, known as "La Delegada," both of whom served as freedom fighters in the early history of Cuba; and

WHEREAS, the legacy of Cuban women championing the cause of freedom lives on today, most notably through the actions of "Las Damas de Blanco" or the "Ladies in White," an organization started by the wives, daughters and mothers of intellectuals, activists and social commentators jailed in a 2003 crackdown on dissent by the Cuban government; and

WHEREAS, Las Damas de Blanco currently play a leading role in the Cuban dissident community by marching peacefully every Sunday since mid-2010 in order to protest human rights violations by Cuba's communist regime, despite mobs sent to harass and beat them; and

WHEREAS, in addition to Las Damas de Blanco, Cuba's many female independent journalists, such as Yoani Sanchez, also embody Cuba's opposition movement by speaking out

and freely communicating Cuba's reality to the outside world despite threats from the Cuban government; and

WHEREAS, many Cuban women in exile have given their time and effort to the cause of a free Cuba, standing firmly behind their sisters on the island in an effort to shed light on the plight of the Cuban people who currently yearn for a transition to a free, democratic Cuba; and

WHEREAS, this Board wishes to commemorate the 110th anniversary of Cuba's independence and highlight the important contributions of Cuba's women in promoting freedom and human rights in Cuba,

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

Section 1. Expresses its intent to commemorate the 110th anniversary of Cuba's independence during the month of May 2012, as well as honor the important role Cuba's women have played throughout Cuba's history.

Section 2. Authorizes an appropriate lobby display in the Stephen P. Clark Center by The Institute for Cuban and Cuban-American Studies at the University of Miami to recognize and celebrate the 110th anniversary of Cuba's independence, with a special emphasis on the role of women in Cuba's historical struggle for freedom, equality and human rights.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Chairman Joe A. Martinez. It was offered by Commissioner **Joe A. Martinez**, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **Rebeca Sosa** and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Joe A. Martinez, Chairman			**aye**
Audrey M. Edmonson, Vice Chairwoman			**aye**
Bruno A. Barreiro	**aye**	Lynda Bell	**aye**
Esteban L. Bovo, Jr.	**aye**	Jose "Pepe" Diaz	**aye**
Sally A. Heyman	**aye**	Barbara J. Jordan	**aye**
Jean Monestime	**aye**	Dennis C. Moss	**aye**
Rebeca Sosa	**aye**	Sen. Javier D. Souto	**aye**
Xavier L. Suarez	**aye**		

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 1st day of May, 2012. 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: Christopher Agrippa
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.

Rodolfo A. Ruiz