

MEMORANDUM

Amended
Agenda Item No. 11(A)(27)

TO: Honorable Chairwoman Rebeca Sosa
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: March 4, 2014

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

SUBJECT: Resolution urging the Florida
Legislature to codesignate State
Road 7/U.S. 441/NW 2nd Avenue
from NW 183rd Street to County
Line Road/NW 215th Street as
"Nelson Mandela Boulevard;"
approving such codesignation;
urging the City of Miami
Gardens to approve such
codesignation
Resolution No. R-255-14

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Barbara J. Jordan.



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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 Mayor'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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RESOLUTION NO. R-255-14

RESOLUTION URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO CODESIGNATE STATE ROAD 7/U.S. 441/NW 2ND AVENUE FROM NW 183RD STREET TO COUNTY LINE ROAD/NW 215TH STREET AS "NELSON MANDELA BOULEVARD;" APPROVING SUCH CODESIGNATION; URGING THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS TO APPROVE SUCH CODESIGNATION

WHEREAS, Nelson Mandela was born on July 18, 1918 in Mvezo, South Africa; and

WHEREAS, for most of Mr. Mandela's life, South Africa's government was still very much a vestige of the country's colonial past by concentrating power in the hands of a white minority, disenfranchising the nation's black majority, and imposing a system of racial segregation known as apartheid; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Mandela attended and studied law at the University College at Fort Hare, which, at the time, was South Africa's only residential college for black Africans; and

WHEREAS, early on, Mr. Mandela already began to exhibit his trail-blazing spirit by opening the first black law partnership in South Africa before he had even completed his studies; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Mandela joined the African National Congress, a political organization that was founded to fight the systematic injustice that black South Africans faced from the government in power; he also co-founded the African National Congress' Youth League and quickly rose to prominence as a leading figure in South Africa's growing liberation movement; and

WHEREAS, he was arrested in 1962 for conspiracy to overthrow the apartheid government and sentenced to life imprisonment; and

WHEREAS, he remained imprisoned for 27 years; and

WHEREAS, his imprisonment prompted an international movement that lobbied for his release and an end to apartheid; for example, the United Nations General Assembly and Security Council called for the release of Nelson Mandela and other South African political prisoners, Pope John Paul II condemned South Africa's apartheid practices, the United States, United Kingdom, and 23 other nations imposed economic sanctions against South Africa, and many other governments and multinational corporations divested from South Africa as well; and

WHEREAS, while still in prison, Mr. Mandela took the lead and began negotiating with the South African government to bring an end to apartheid; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Mandela was finally released from prison on February 11, 1990, and he continued his negotiations with the South African government as the leader of the African National Congress; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Mandela earned the Nobel Peace Prize in 1993 for his considerable work in effectuating South Africa's peaceful transition from a system of apartheid to one of democratic equality and universal suffrage; and

WHEREAS, due in large part to Mr. Mandela's efforts, South Africa held its first truly democratic elections in April 1994; and

WHEREAS, the outcome of South Africa's 1994 elections led to the historic and peaceful transition of power from the National Party—which was comprised of the nation's white minority—to the African National Congress; and

WHEREAS, the newly elected government's first act was to elect Nelson Mandela as the nation's president; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Mandela used his presidency to help heal and unify South Africa and, in so doing, showed the entire world that love and cooperation are more powerful tools than hatred and retribution; and

WHEREAS, after his presidency, Mr. Mandela remained committed to the task of improving the lives of South Africans through his philanthropic work, which focused on combating HIV/AIDS and improving rural development and school construction; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Mandela died on December 5, 2013 at the age of 95; and

WHEREAS, this Board wishes to honor Mr. Mandela so that his life story may continue to inspire the citizens of Miami-Dade County to understand that the world can be indelibly changed for the better when one person stands up for what is right; and

WHEREAS, State Road 7/U.S. 441/NW 2nd Avenue from NW 183rd Street to County Line Road/NW 215 Street is a state road located in the City of Miami Gardens; and

WHEREAS, this Board would like to honor the memory of Nelson Mandela by urging the Florida Legislature to codesignate State Road 7/U.S. 441/NW 2nd Avenue from NW 183rd County Line Street to County Line Road/NW 215 street as “Nelson Mandela Boulevard”; and

WHEREAS, this proposed codesignation is located in County Commission District 1,

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

Section 1. Urges the Florida Legislature to codesignate State Road 7/U.S. 441/NW 2nd Avenue from NW 183rd Street to County Line Road/NW 215th Street as “Nelson Mandela Boulevard.”

Section 2. Approves the codesignation of State Road 7/U.S. 441/NW 2nd Avenue from NW 183rd Street to County Line Road/NW 215th Street as “Nelson Mandela Boulevard.”

Section 3. Urges the City of Miami Gardens to approve this codesignation.

Section 4. Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit certified copies of the resolution to the Governor, Senate President, House Speaker, the Chair and members of the Miami-Dade State Legislative Delegation, the Secretary of the Florida Department of Transportation, the Mayor of The City of Miami Gardens and The Members of the Miami Gardens City Council.

Section 5. Directs the County's state lobbyists to advocate for the issues identified in Section 1 above, and authorizes and directs the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs to amend the 2014 State Legislative Package previously approved by the Board to include this item.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Barbara J. Jordan. It was offered by Commissioner **Barbara J. Jordan**, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **José "Pepe" Diaz** and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

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

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 4th day of March, 2014. 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

MBV

Michael B. Valdes