



MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A) (21)

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

**DATE:** May 6, 2014

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

**SUBJECT:** Resolution urging President Barack Obama to suspend deportations of undocumented Venezuelans with no criminal history and urging the United States Secretary of Homeland Security to immediately designate Venezuelan immigrants for temporary protected status

Resolution No. R-455-14

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Jose "Pepe" Diaz.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "RAC", written over a horizontal line.

R. A. Cuevas, Jr.  
County Attorney

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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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5-6-14

RESOLUTION NO. R-455-14

RESOLUTION URGING PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA TO SUSPEND DEPORTATIONS OF UNDOCUMENTED VENEZUELAN WITH NO CRIMINAL HISTORY AND URGING THE UNITED STATES SECRETARY OF HOMELAND SECURITY TO IMMEDIATELY DESIGNATE VENEZUELAN IMMIGRANTS FOR TEMPORARY PROTECTED STATUS

**WHEREAS**, Miami-Dade County has a significant and growing Venezuelan population, some of whom are undocumented Venezuelan immigrants; and

**WHEREAS**, Venezuelans have greatly contributed to the progress of Miami-Dade County, and the United States at large; and

**WHEREAS**, there are severe humanitarian consequences of deporting undocumented Venezuelans due to the ongoing armed conflict and extraordinary conditions in Venezuela; and

**WHEREAS**, deportation of undocumented Venezuelan parents harms young children, who are often left without parental guidance or care and in a highly unstable financial situation; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2012 there were 11.7 million undocumented immigrants living in the United States, according to the PEW Hispanic Center; and

**WHEREAS**, there were 368,644 deportations from the United States in 2013, according to United States Immigrations and Customs Enforcement; and

**WHEREAS**, America's immigration system is broken; and

**WHEREAS**, legislation to reform immigration policy was passed by the United States Senate on June 27, 2013; and

**WHEREAS**, the United States Secretary of Homeland Security has the power to grant Temporary Protected Status to nationals of certain countries for humanitarian causes; and

**WHEREAS**, currently, immigrants from countries granted Temporary Protected Status include immigrants from El Salvador, Haiti, Honduras, and Nicaragua,

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

**Section 1.** Urges President Barack Obama to suspend deportations of undocumented Venezuelans with no criminal history.

**Section 2.** Urges the United States Secretary of Homeland Security to immediately designate Venezuelan immigrants for Temporary Protected Status.

**Section 3.** Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to President Barack Obama, the members of the Florida Congressional Delegation, and the United States Secretary of Homeland Security.

**Section 4.** Directs the County's federal lobbyists to advocate for the action set forth in Sections 1 and 2 above, and authorizes and directs the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs to amend the 2014 Federal Legislative Package to include this item.

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

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

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 6<sup>th</sup> day of May, 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.

MP

Matthew Papkin