

## MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(2)

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

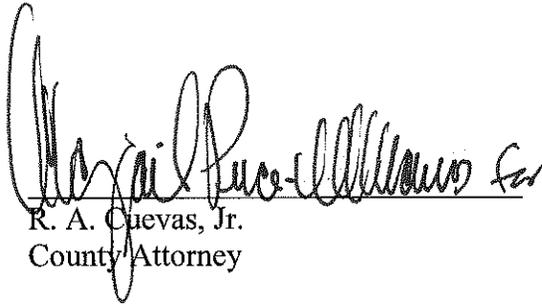
**DATE:** October 21, 2014

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

**SUBJECT:** Resolution urging the United States Congress to enact legislation that would allow states and local governments, including Miami-Dade County, to prohibit contracting with entities doing business with or funded by state sponsors of terrorism  
Resolution No. R-939-14

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The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Esteban L. Bovo, Jr.

  
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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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10-21-14

RESOLUTION NO. R-939-14

RESOLUTION URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS  
TO ENACT LEGISLATION THAT WOULD ALLOW STATES  
AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS, INCLUDING MIAMI-DADE  
COUNTY, TO PROHIBIT CONTRACTING WITH ENTITIES  
DOING BUSINESS WITH OR FUNDED BY STATE  
SPONSORS OF TERRORISM

**WHEREAS**, Cuba is a totalitarian police state which relies on repressive methods to maintain control including intense physical and electronic surveillance of both Cuban citizens and foreign visitors; and

**WHEREAS**, on August 23, 2012, this Board adopted Resolution No. R-659-12 placing a straw ballot question on the November 6, 2012 General Election ballot asking the voters of Miami-Dade County whether they would support, to the extent permitted by federal law, prohibiting use of taxpayer's dollars to procure services and projects from companies actively doing business with state sponsors of terrorism; and

**WHEREAS**, on November 6, 2012, the voters of Miami-Dade County overwhelmingly by a margin of 62 percent to 38 percent expressed their will that Miami-Dade County should not do business with companies which profit from and foster the economic activities of repressive governments like Cuba and Syria; and

**WHEREAS**, there are currently four countries that the federal government identifies as state sponsors of terrorism, Cuba, Iran, Sudan and Syria; and

**WHEREAS**, this Board desires to enact legislation, upon a change in federal law, to enforce the will of the electors of Miami-Dade County to restrict commerce with all state sponsors of terrorism,

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

**Section 1.** Urges the Congress of the United States to enact legislation that would allow states and local governments, including Miami-Dade County, to prohibit contracting with entities doing business with or funded by state sponsors of terrorism.

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

**Section 3.** Directs the County's federal lobbyists to advocate for the action set forth in Section 1 above, and authorizes the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs to amend the 2014 Federal Legislative Package to include this item and to include this item in the 2015 Federal Legislative Package when it is presented to the Board.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Esteban L. Bovo, Jr. It was offered by Commissioner **Lynda Bell**, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **Xavier L. Suarez** and upon being put to a vote, vote was as follows:

	Rebeca Sosa, Chairwoman	<b>aye</b>
	Lynda Bell, Vice Chair	<b>aye</b>
Bruno A. Barreiro	<b>absent</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>absent</b>	

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 21<sup>st</sup> day of October, 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.

Oren Rosenthal