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OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(13)

TO: Honorable Chairman Jean Monestime
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: March 17, 2015

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

SUBJECT: Resolution urging all Latin American Consulates in Miami-Dade County to communicate with their ambassadors to press for democratic reform in Cuba
Resolution No. R-268-15

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Juan C. Zapata.

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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-268-15

RESOLUTION URGING ALL LATIN AMERICAN CONSULATES IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY TO COMMUNICATE WITH THEIR AMBASSADORS TO PRESS FOR DEMOCRATIC REFORM IN CUBA

WHEREAS, for decades, communism has remained the form of government in Cuba; and

WHEREAS, the people of Cuba have been severely oppressed as a result of the Cuban communist regime; and

WHEREAS, for more than 50 years, the United States maintained a policy of economic sanctions and diplomatic isolation toward Cuba; and

WHEREAS, President Barack Obama recently announced a restoration of diplomatic and economic ties with Cuba, marking a shift in the United States-Cuba relationship; and

WHEREAS, the people of Cuba would greatly benefit from government reform; and

WHEREAS, Cuban President Raul Castro, however, stated publicly that Cuba will not abandon its communist form of government; and

WHEREAS, in light of the Cuban government's stance against political reform, Latin American governments should play an active role in encouraging democratic change in Cuba; and

WHEREAS, Latin American Consulates in Miami-Dade County serve as official representatives of their respective countries; and

WHEREAS, Latin American Consulates should communicate with their ambassadors to press for political change in Cuba,

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

Section 1. Urges all Latin American Consulates in Miami-Dade County to communicate with their ambassadors to press for democratic reform in Cuba.

Section 2. Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the Consulates General of all Latin American Consulates in Miami-Dade County and the United Nations Secretary-General.

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

Jean Monestime, Chairman			**aye**
Esteban L. Bovo, Jr., Vice Chairman			**aye**
Bruno A. Barreiro	**aye**	Daniella Levine Cava	**aye**
Jose "Pepe" Diaz	**aye**	Audrey M. Edmonson	**aye**
Sally A. Heyman	**aye**	Barbara J. Jordan	**aye**
Dennis C. Moss	**aye**	Rebeca Sosa	**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 17th day of March, 2015. This resolution shall become effective upon the earlier of (1) 10 days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the County Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board, or (2) approval by the County Mayor of this Resolution and the filing of this approval with the Clerk of the 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. APP

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