

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 14(A)(26)

TO: Honorable Chairman Jose "Pepe" Diaz
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: July 20, 2021

FROM: Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution declaring July 11,
2021 as "Patria y Vida/SOS
Cuba Day" in Miami-Dade
County

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Rebeca Sosa.



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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
- ☐ Statement of social equity 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 present ____, 2/3 membership ____, 3/5's ____, unanimous ____, CDMP 7 vote requirement per 2-116.1(3)(h) or (4)(c) ____, CDMP 2/3 vote requirement per 2-116.1(3)(h) or (4)(c) ____, or CDMP 9 vote requirement per 2-116.1(4)(c)(2) ____ 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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7-20-21

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION DECLARING JULY 11, 2021 AS “PATRIA Y
VIDA/SOS CUBA DAY” IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY

WHEREAS, after more than 60 years of systematic and violent oppression under the Cuban Communist dictatorship, the Cuban people have mobilized to protest the tyranny of the dictatorship and demand freedom on a scale never seen before; and

WHEREAS, on Sunday, July 11, 2021, the Cuban people took to the streets on an unprecedented scale in cities across the island to fiercely and vocally protest the Cuban Communist regime and, despite the regime’s efforts to silence and repress, these mass protests remain ongoing; and

WHEREAS, the Cuban Communist dictatorship has, since the days of Fidel Castro, used the slogan “Patria o muerte”—homeland or death—as a mantra for the Cuban Communist regime; and

WHEREAS, earlier this year, several Cuban artists, including Yotuel Romero, Descemer Bueno, Maykel “El Osorbo” Castillo Perez, Eliecer “El Funky” Marquez, Luis Manuel Otero Alcántara, and Alexander Delgado and Randy Malcom of the group Gente de Zona collaborated on a song and music video entitled “Patria y Vida”—homeland and life—as a direct and critical response to and rejection of the Cuban Communist dictatorship’s slogan; and

WHEREAS, the song and the music video for “Patria y Vida” grew out of, in part, the San Isidro Movement (Movimiento San Isidro), an artist collective formed in 2018 as a repudiation of and challenge to rules promulgated by the Cuban Communist regime decreeing that artists who were not approved by the government could not sell their work or perform; and

WHEREAS, the San Isidro Movement and its members have channeled the growing frustration of the Cuban people into their art, including music and performance art, as a form of protest against the continual repression and deprivation of civil rights imposed by the regime; and

WHEREAS, the protests have embraced the chant “Patria y Vida” as they demand freedom and an end to six decades of repression, tyranny, hunger, and failed governance; and

WHEREAS, the protests have also used SOS Cuba as a rallying cry and hashtag (#SOSCuba) to bring awareness to the plight of the Cuban people suffering under the Cuban Communist regime and to amplify the voices of the protests; and

WHEREAS, this Board wholeheartedly supports all efforts to bring about democratic reform in Cuba, and stands in solidarity with the Cuban people; and

WHEREAS, this Board wishes to recognize the historic nature of these protests by declaring July 11, 2021 as “Patria y Vida/SOS Cuba Day” in Miami-Dade County,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that this Board hereby declares July 11, 2021 as “Patria y Vida/SOS Cuba Day” in Miami-Dade County.

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

Jose “Pepe” Diaz, Chairman	
Oliver G. Gilbert, III, Vice-Chairman	
Sen. René García	Keon Hardemon
Sally A. Heyman	Danielle Cohen Higgins
Eileen Higgins	Joe A. Martinez
Kionne L. McGhee	Jean Monestime
Raquel A. Regalado	Rebeca Sosa
Sen. Javier D. Souto	

The Chairperson thereupon declared this resolution duly passed and adopted this 20th day of July, 2021. 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: _____
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.



Anita Viciano Zapata