

MEMORANDUM

Amended
Agenda Item No. 11(A)(4)

TO: Honorable Chairwoman Audrey M. Edmonson
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

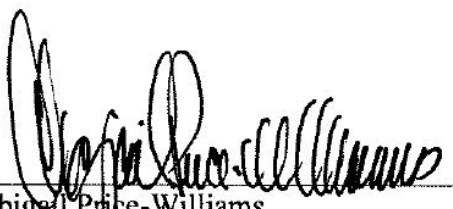
DATE: April 7, 2020

FROM: Abigail Price-Williams
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution urging the Federal
Aviation Administration to
prohibit travel to and from Cuba
due to coronavirus cases in Cuba
and the Cuban government's
unwillingness to be forthright
about such cases

Resolution No. R-311-20

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Esteban L. Bovo, Jr., and Co-Sponsors Commissioner Jose "Pepe" Diaz, Commissioner Dennis C. Moss, Vice Chairwoman Rebeca Sosa, Senator Javier D. Souto.


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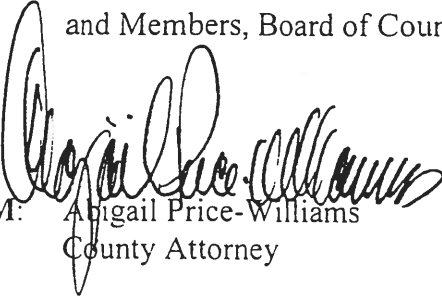


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Please note any items checked.

- ☐ "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	Amended
Veto	_____		Agenda Item No. 11(A)(4)
Override	_____		4-7-20

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RESOLUTION URGING THE FEDERAL AVIATION
ADMINISTRATION TO PROHIBIT TRAVEL TO AND FROM
CUBA DUE TO CORONAVIRUS CASES IN CUBA AND THE
CUBAN GOVERNMENT'S UNWILLINGNESS TO BE
FORTHRIGHT ABOUT SUCH CASES

WHEREAS, the 2019 novel coronavirus, now called SARS-CoV-2, has caused an outbreak of illness (COVID-19) that started in December 2019 in China and spread to other countries; and

WHEREAS, on January 30, 2020, the World Health Organization declared the outbreak a global health emergency; and

WHEREAS, today, more than 3,000 people have died globally from the illness, while more than 89,000 infections have been confirmed in at least 57 countries, including the United States; and

WHEREAS, people who get sick from the new coronavirus may have mild symptoms, such as a cough or fever, or more serious ones, such as pneumonia; and

WHEREAS, the Center for Disease Control and Prevention and many experts have shared that one of the ways to contain the virus is to monitor and quarantine people who have traveled to places where many people have gotten sick with COVID-19 in order to protect their health and the health of other people in the community; and

WHEREAS, as a result, it is vital that countries are forthright when they identify positive cases of the virus; and

WHEREAS, although the Cuban press continues to deny rumors about the existence of COVID-19 in Cuba, there are reports that three Cubans returned from Italy with symptoms of respiratory disease; and

WHEREAS, this is not the first time rumors have circulated about possible patients with the illness, nonetheless, Cuban medical officials insist there are no confirmed cases despite recognizing the detection of people suspected of suffering from virus; and

WHEREAS, it has been reported that at least two passengers on flights originating in Cuba tested positive for COVID-19 while traveling through Miami International Airport; and

WHEREAS, according to the World Health Organization's daily situation reports, as of April 5, 2020, there were 288 confirmed COVID-19 cases and six deaths; and

WHEREAS, although Cuba recently imposed restrictions on international travel, it is imperative that the United States is not guided by Cuba's decisions as the time period and extent of its restrictions are unknown; and

WHEREAS, the trade and diplomatic relations between China and Cuba have significantly strengthened in recent years and Cuba's proximity to South Florida makes such relations especially concerning; and

WHEREAS, furthermore, given the rogue nature of these two governments, which are known for not being forthcoming with certain information, we must be on special alert and take all preventive steps; and

WHEREAS, the risk of the pandemic is far too great to continue to allow travel to and from countries that are not presumably forthright and are not well equipped to detect and contain COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, accordingly, this Board would like to urge the Federal Aviation Administration to prohibit travel to and from Cuba due to possible coronavirus cases in Cuba and the Cuban government's unwillingness to be forthright about such cases,

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

Section 1. Urges the Federal Aviation Administration to prohibit travel to and from Cuba due to coronavirus cases in Cuba and the Cuban government's unwillingness to be forthright about such cases.

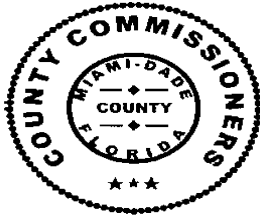
Section 2. Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the members of the Florida Congressional Delegation and the United States Secretary of Transportation.

Section 3. Directs the County's federal lobbyists to advocate for the action set forth in section 1 above, and authorizes and directs the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs to amend the 2020 Federal Legislative Package to include this item.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Esteban L. Bovo, Jr., and the Co-Sponsors are Commissioner Jose "Pepe" Diaz, Commissioner Dennis C. Moss, Vice Chairwoman Rebeca Sosa and Senator Javier D. Souto. It was offered by Commissioner **Esteban L. Bovo, Jr.** , who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **Javier D. Souto** and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Audrey M. Edmonson, Chairwoman	aye		
Rebeca Sosa, Vice Chairwoman	aye		
Esteban L. Bovo, Jr.	aye	Daniella Levine Cava	aye
Jose "Pepe" Diaz	aye	Sally A. Heyman	aye
Eileen Higgins	aye	Barbara J. Jordan	aye
Joe A. Martinez	aye	Jean Monestime	aye
Dennis C. Moss	aye	Sen. Javier D. Souto	aye
Xavier L. Suarez	aye		

The Chairperson thereupon declared this resolution duly passed and adopted this 7th day of April, 2020. 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: **Melissa Adames**
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.

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