

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(5)

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

DATE: June 15, 2021

FROM: Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution condemning the recent
actions of Nicaragua's President
Daniel Ortega and supporting
further sanctions against the
Nicaraguan government

Resolution No. R-609-21

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



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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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6-15-21

RESOLUTION NO. _____ R-609-21

RESOLUTION CONDEMNING THE RECENT ACTIONS
OF NICARAGUA'S PRESIDENT DANIEL ORTEGA
AND SUPPORTING FURTHER SANCTIONS
AGAINST THE NICARAGUAN GOVERNMENT

WHEREAS, recent elections in Nicaragua, including the 2016 presidential election, have been marred by irregularities and characterized by significant restrictions on the participation of opposition political parties and the absence of credible international and local electoral observers; and

WHEREAS, the government of Daniel Ortega, Nicaragua's current President and former Sandinista revolutionary, has concentrated power and brought about the continuing deterioration of democratic conditions in Nicaragua; and

WHEREAS, Ortega has been the subject of protest by thousands of Nicaraguans who have recently staged the largest popular uprising since the end of the nation's civil war nearly 30 years ago; and

WHEREAS, since April 18, 2018, the people of Nicaragua have protested against the Nicaraguan government, demanding a transparent non-corrupt government, demanding access to necessities such as food and medicine, and free, fair and multiparty elections; and

WHEREAS, Ortega is seeking a fourth consecutive term as president in the November 7, 2021 general election; and

WHEREAS, as the election looms, Ortega and the Nicaraguan government have been moving aggressively to clear the field of potential challengers by arresting four of the top presidential candidates; and

WHEREAS, the actions of Ortega's government significantly undermine the electoral process and the public's confidence in the democratic process; and

WHEREAS, since the nationwide protests in 2018, the United States Congress has imposed sanctions on a growing number of Nicaraguan political and security officials; and

WHEREAS, this Board has previously taken steps to condemn the actions of Daniel Ortega while supporting diplomatic efforts to promote democracy, human rights, and freedom in Nicaragua; and

WHEREAS, this Board believes that Ortega's dictatorship necessitates additional sanctions from the United States government,

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

Section 1. Condemns the recent actions of Nicaragua's President Daniel Ortega.

Section 2. Supports further sanctions against the Nicaraguan government from the United States.

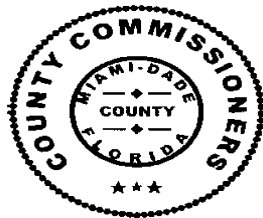
Section 3. Directs the Clerk of this Board to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the President of the United States and the members of the Florida Congressional Delegation.

Section 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 2021 Federal Legislative Package to include this item and to include this item in the 2022 Federal Legislative Package when it is presented to the Board.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Chairman 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:

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

The Chairperson thereupon declared this resolution duly passed and adopted this 15th day of June, 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

Melissa Adames

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.

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Ryan Carlin