

MEMORANDUM

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

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

DATE: March 15, 2022

FROM: Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution condemning Russia’s
unprovoked invasion of Ukraine
and Urging President Joseph R.
Biden, Jr. and the United States
Congress to impose additional
sanctions against Russia And to
take immediate action supporting
the people of Ukraine while
keeping any existing sanctions
against Russia in place until
Russia recognizes Ukrainian
sovereignty

Resolution No. R-270-22

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Senator René García, and Co-Sponsors Chairman Jose "Pepe" Diaz, Vice-Chairman Oliver G. Gilbert, III, Commissioner Sally A. Heyman, Commissioner Rebeca Sosa and Senator Javier D. Souto.



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MEMORANDUM (Revised)

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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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RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION CONDEMNING RUSSIA’S UNPROVOKED
INVASION OF UKRAINE AND URGING PRESIDENT JOSEPH
R. BIDEN, JR. AND THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO
IMPOSE ADDITIONAL SANCTIONS AGAINST RUSSIA AND
TO TAKE IMMEDIATE ACTION SUPPORTING THE PEOPLE
OF UKRAINE WHILE KEEPING ANY EXISTING SANCTIONS
AGAINST RUSSIA IN PLACE UNTIL RUSSIA RECOGNIZES
UKRAINIAN SOVEREIGNTY

WHEREAS, on February 24, 2022, Ukraine suffered an unprovoked and unjustified attack by Russian military forces; and

WHEREAS, the wide-ranging attack on Ukraine brought a calamitous end to weeks of fruitless diplomatic efforts by Western leaders to avert war, as Russian President Vladimir Putin cast aside international condemnation and sanctions and warned other countries that any attempt to interfere would lead to “consequences you have never seen”; and

WHEREAS, shortly after President Vladimir Putin declared war in a televised address, large explosions and loud gunfire were heard throughout multiple cities in Ukraine, including Kyiv, Kharkiv, and Odesa, as world leaders decried the start of an invasion that could cause massive casualties, topple Ukraine’s democratically elected government, and threaten the post-Cold War balance on the continent; and

WHEREAS, the mass assault by land, sea, and air is the biggest attack on a European state since World War II; and

WHEREAS, Ukrainians started fleeing cities, and the Russian military claimed to have incapacitated all of Ukraine’s air defenses and air bases within hours; and

WHEREAS, Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy declared martial law, saying Russia has targeted Ukraine's military infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, United States President Joseph R. Biden, Jr. condemned Russia's attack and promised that the United States and its allies would "hold Russia accountable"; and

WHEREAS, while the Biden administration has authorized certain sanctions targeting Russia's banking, technology and aerospace sectors, additional sanctions against Russia and the Putin administration are warranted given the severity and unprovoked nature of the invasion and its potentially devastating consequences; and

WHEREAS, Russia's unprovoked invasion of Ukraine threatens global peace and security; and

WHEREAS, Ukraine is urgently in need of the free world's support; and

WHEREAS, this Board condemns Russia's unprovoked invasion of Ukraine and believes that it is necessary for the United States to immediately take action to support Ukraine,

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

Section 1. Condemns Russia's unprovoked invasion of Ukraine.

Section 2. Urges President Joseph R. Biden, Jr. and the United States Congress to continue to impose additional sanctions against Russia for its unprovoked invasion of Ukraine and to take immediate action supporting the people of Ukraine while keeping any existing sanctions against Russia in place until Russia recognizes Ukrainian sovereignty.

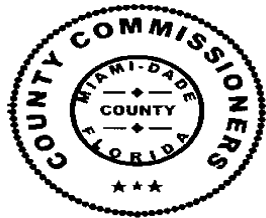
Section 3. Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the President of the United States and the members of the Florida Congressional Delegation.

Section 4. Directs the County’s federal lobbyists to advocate for the actions set forth in section 2 above, and authorizes and directs the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs 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 Senator René García and the Co-Sponsors are Chairman Jose "Pepe" Diaz, Vice-Chairman Oliver G. Gilbert, III, Commissioner Sally A. Heyman, Commissioner Rebeca Sosa and Senator Javier D. Souto. It was offered by Commissioner **Sen. Rene Garcia** , 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	absent	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 March, 2022. 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: **Basia Pruna**
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.

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Ryan Carlin