MEMORANDUM

Amended
Agenda Item No. 11(A)(6)

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

DATE: June 14, 2022

FROM: Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution condemning the Biden Administration's intent to ease sanctions on the Maduro regime

Resolution No. R-591-22

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Senator René García, and Co-Sponsors Commissioner Rebeca Sosa and Senator Javier D. Souto.

Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

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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**

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Approved ______________________ Mayor
Veto __________
Override __________

RESOLUTION NO. R-591-22

RESOLUTION CONDEMNING THE BIDEN ADMINISTRATION'S INTENT TO EASE SANCTIONS ON THE MADURO REGIME

WHEREAS, Nicolas Maduro continues to illegitimately present himself as the president of Venezuela; and

WHEREAS, due to the United States Department of the Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Control's ("OFAC") sanctions, all of Maduro's assets subject to U.S. jurisdiction have been frozen, U.S. persons are prohibited from doing business with him, and Maduro has been denied access to U.S. financial and commercial systems; and

WHEREAS, under current sanctions, Chevron Corp., an American oil company, is prohibited from doing business with the Venezuelan government; and

WHEREAS, on May 17, 2022, the Biden Administration announced its intent to extend a license held by Chevron that allows the corporation to maintain its operations in Venezuela and negotiate future business; and

WHEREAS, the extension of the license will allow Chevron to negotiate with Petróleos de Venezuela S.A., the state-owned oil company; and

WHEREAS, the Biden Administration also announced an intent to remove Carlos Erik Malpica-Flores, the nephew of Venezuela's first lady, from a list of sanctioned individuals; and

WHEREAS, the Maduro regime has decimated the Venezuelan economy and spurred a humanitarian crisis; and

WHEREAS, the United Nations Human Rights Council has condemned the Maduro regime for atrocities that amount to crimes against humanity, including brutal policing practices, impunity for human rights violations, lack of judicial independence, and harassment of human rights defenders and independent media; and

WHEREAS, the Maduro regime has jailed opponents, prosecuted civilians in military courts, tortured detainees, and cracked down on protestors, all in violation of basic human rights; and

WHEREAS, the Maduro Regime has operated with impunity, supported by other authoritarian regimes, including Iran, China, and Russia; and

WHEREAS, forced prostitution and sex trafficking are rampant in Venezuela where human traffickers exploit domestic and foreign victims; and

WHEREAS, this Board has repeatedly taken steps to condemn the actions of the Maduro regime while supporting diplomatic efforts to promote democracy, human rights, and freedom; and

WHEREAS, President Biden's actions will ease the economic pressure on the Maduro regime and delay the return of Venezuela to a peaceful and democratic state; and

WHEREAS, this Board desires to condemn the Biden Administration's intent to ease sanctions on the Maduro regime,

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

Section 1. Condemns the Biden Administration's intent to ease sanctions on the Maduro regime.

Section 2. 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.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Senator René García, and the Co-Sponsors are 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 **absent**

Sen. René García	**aye**	Keon Hardemon	**absent**
Sally A. Heyman	**nay**	Danielle Cohen Higgins	**absent**
Eileen Higgins	**nay**	Joe A. Martinez	**aye**
Kionne L. McGhee	**absent**	Jean Monestime	**absent**
Raquel A. Regalado	**aye**	Rebeca Sosa	**aye**
Sen. Javier D. Souto	**aye**		

The Chairperson thereupon declared this resolution duly passed and adopted this 14th day of June, 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.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MIAMI-DADE COUNTY FLORIDA

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. FC

Fabiana Cohen