

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(11)

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

DATE: July 19, 2022

FROM: Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution declaring July 11
of this and every subsequent
year as "Anti-Communism
Day" in Miami-Dade County

Resolution No. R-719-22

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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7-19-22

RESOLUTION NO. R-719-22

RESOLUTION DECLARING JULY 11 OF THIS AND EVERY
SUBSEQUENT YEAR AS “ANTI-COMMUNISM DAY” IN
MIAMI-DADE COUNTY

WHEREAS, communism is a far-left political and economic philosophy deriving from the theories of Karl Marx, in which a central government controls the production of all goods and services and has complete dominion and ownership over private property; and

WHEREAS, slightly over 100 years after Russia’s October Revolution in 1917, which set the stage for the rise of Vladimir Lenin and his Bolsheviks, history has proven that communism is an efficient creator of poverty, oppression, and general misery; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the general failure that communism has produced in all countries in which it has been introduced, communist regimes have proven themselves to be particularly murderous, and the murdered victims of communist regimes are in the order of 100 million or more people; and

WHEREAS, those citizens who do not pay with their lives are subjected to the loss of religious freedom, freedom of speech, freedom of association, and a bevy of other human rights; and

WHEREAS, this is well known in Miami-Dade County, as many residents of this County have sought refuge here from communist regimes around the world, including those of China, Cuba, Nicaragua, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, and Venezuela; and

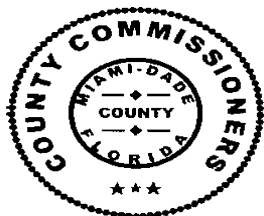
WHEREAS, this Board desires to stand together with those who stand in opposition to communism, including, for example, individuals like Oswaldo Paya and all those who stood against the Cuban regime in the protests that commenced on July 11, 2021, only to face the oppressive acts of the Cuban regime that for many resulted in forced disappearances and lengthy prison terms,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that this Board declares July 11 of this and every subsequent year as “Anti-Communism Day” in Miami-Dade County.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Chairman Jose “Pepe” Diaz. It was offered by Commissioner **Rebeca Sosa**, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **Sally A. Heyman** 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 19th day of July, 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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Miguel A. Gonzalez