RESOLUTION NO.: 2014-131

RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HIALEAH, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING MIAMI-DADE COUNTY'S LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVE TO URGE THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO ENACT LEGISLATION THAT WOULD ALLOW STATES AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS, INCLUDING MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, TO PROHIBIT CONTRACTING WITH ENTITIES DOING BUSINESS WITH, OR FUNDED BY, STATE SPONSORS OF TERRORISM; AND URGING ALL FEDERAL, STATE AND LOCAL OFFICIALS TO JOIN IN THEIR SUPPORT.

WHEREAS, Cuba is a totalitarian police state which relies on repressive methods to maintain control, including intense physical and electronic surveillance of both Cuban citizens and foreign visitors; and

WHEREAS, Syria is an oppressive regime which blatantly murders protestors of the regime, regularly detains political and human rights activists and journalists, and engages in widespread media censorship; and

WHEREAS, the federal government currently identifies the countries of Cuba, Syria, Iran and Sudan as state sponsors of terrorism; and

WHEREAS, on August 23, 2012, the Miami-Dade County Board of County Commissioners adopted Resolution No. R-659-12, placing a straw ballot question on the November 6, 2012 General Election ballot asking the voters of Miami-Dade County whether they would support, to the extent permitted by federal law, prohibiting use of taxpayer's dollars to procure services and projects from companies actively doing business with state sponsors of terrorism; and

WHEREAS, on November 6, 2012, the voters of Miami-Dade County overwhelmingly expressed their will that Miami-Dade County should not do business with companies that profit from and foster the economic activities of repressive regimes like Cuba and Syria; and

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County desires to enact legislation, upon a change in federal law, to enforce the will of the electors of Miami-Dade County to prohibit contracting with entities doing business with or funded by state sponsors of terrorism; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and the City Council of the City of Hialeah pledge their support for Miami-Dade County's legislative initiative, and urge all federal, state and local officials to join in their support.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HIALEAH, FLORIDA, THAT:

Section 1. The foregoing facts and recitations contained in the preamble of this resolution are hereby adopted and incorporated by reference as if fully set forth herein.

Section 2. The Mayor and the City Council of the City of Hialeah, Florida hereby pledge their support for Miami-Dade County's legislative initiative to urge Congress to enact legislation that would allow states and local governments, including Miami-Dade County, to prohibit contracting with entities doing business with, or funded by, state sponsors of terrorism; and urge all federal, state and local officials to join in their support.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 13 day of November, 2014.

Isis Garcia-Martinez
Council President

Attest:

Approved on the 21 day of November, 2014.

Marbelys Fatjo, Acting City Clerk

Mayor Carlos Hernandez

Approved as to legal sufficiency and form:

Lorena E. Bravo, Acting City Attorney

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Resolution was adopted by a 6-0-1 vote with Council Members Caragol, Casáls-Muñoz, Garcia-Martinez, Gonzalez, Hernández, & Lozano voting "Yes", & Councilmember Cue-Fuente absent.