

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-XX

RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION CITY OF NORTH MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, URGING PRESIDENT DONALD J. TRUMP TO DIRECT THE OFFICE OF FOREIGN ASSETS CONTROL (OFAC) AND BUREAU OF INDUSTRY AND SECURITY (BIS) TO IMMEDIATELY SUSPEND ANY APPLICABLE CUBA RELATED GENERAL LICENSES UNDER 31 C.F.R. §515.570, AUTHORIZED CARRIER SERVICES UNDER 31 C.F.R. §515.533, AND EXPORTS AUTHORIZED UNDER 15 C.F.R. §746.2, PENDING AUDITS FOR TIES TO THE CUBA RESTRICTED LIST AND FOR REVIEW OF THE NATURE AND DESTINATION OF GOODS AND SERVICES PROVIDED; URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO ENACT SENATE BILL 1176, HOUSE BILL 1397, OR SIMILAR LEGISLATION THAT WOULD REQUIRE ANY APPLICANTS FOR A LOCAL BUSINESS TAX RECEIPT, OR RENEWAL THEREOF, THAT CONDUCT TRANSACTIONS SUBJECT TO FEDERAL SANCTIONS PROGRAMS TO EXHIBIT AN ACTIVE LICENSE OR AUTHORIZATION FROM OFAC; AND DIRECTING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO PROVIDE A REPORT TO THIS BOARD REGARDING THE CURRENT ENFORCEMENT STATUS OF LOCAL BUSINESS TAX FOR BUSINESSES UNLAWFULLY TRANSACTING BUSINESS WITH CUBA OR ANY PERSONS AFFILIATED WITH THE CUBAN GOVERNMENT, AND STRICTER ENFORCEMENT AND PENALTIES FOR SUCH BUSINESSES.

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County is home to the largest Cuban exile community in the United States and serves as a major gateway for Cuba-related financial, shipping, and export activities; and

WHEREAS, in recent history, the Cuban government has engaged in troubling actions, some of which have amounted to terrorism or support thereof, including: shooting down civilian airplanes, providing safe harbor to members of foreign terrorist organizations, and allowing China to operate an electronic "eavesdropping" station on the island to monitor United States telecommunications; and

WHEREAS, accordingly, federal general licenses and export authorizations related to Cuba have a direct impact on Miami-Dade County residents, businesses, and public safety; and

WHEREAS, gaps in oversight and the infrequency of audits may have allowed bad actors, including regime agents and entities that are a front for the Cuban government, to exploit general licenses to move goods and services that are not strictly humanitarian in nature and that may benefit the Cuban communist regime; and

WHEREAS, citizens of Miami-Dade County have firsthand knowledge of the need for stronger compliance and enforcement, as evidenced by the Miami-Dade County Tax Collector's recent actions that have brought some regulatory concerns to light; and

WHEREAS, notwithstanding these actions, enforcement gaps may exist with respect to existing general licenses, such that additional targeted executive action is warranted; and

WHEREAS, on January 6, 2026, Senator Ana Maria Rodriguez (R – Doral) filed Senate Bill 1176 for consideration during the 2026 Florida Legislative Session, which provides that if an applicant for a local business tax receipt (or renewal thereof) conducts transactions subject to the sanctions programs administered by the Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) of the United States Department of the Treasury, such person must exhibit proof of an active license or authorization from OFAC before such local receipt may be issued; and

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WHEREAS, on January 9, 2026, Representative Alex Rizo (R – Hialeah) filed House Bill 1397 for consideration during the 2026 Florida Legislative Session, which is the identical House companion bill to SB 1176; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission would like for the federal government and the state to take additional measures with respect to regulatory oversight on transactions involving Cuba that are subject to federal sanctions programs; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission also desires that the City Manager provide the City Commission with additional information on the current enforcement status of local business tax for businesses unlawfully transacting business with Cuba, as well as stricter enforcement and civil and criminal penalties for such businesses,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT DULY RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA:

Section 1. Urges President Donald J. Trump to direct the Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) and the Bureau of Industry and Security (BIS) to immediately suspend any applicable Cuba-related general licenses under 31 C.F.R. §515.570, authorized carrier services under 31 C.F.R. §515.533, and exports authorized under 15 C.F.R. §746.2, pending audits for ties to the Cuba Restricted List and for review of the nature and destination of goods and services provided.

Section 2. Urges the Florida Legislature to enact Senate Bill 1176, House Bill 1397, or similar legislation that would require any applicants for a local business tax receipt, or renewal thereof, that conduct transactions subject to federal sanctions programs to exhibit an active license or authorization from OFAC.

Section 3. Directs the City Manager to provide a report to the City Commission regarding: (a) the current enforcement status of local business tax for businesses unlawfully transacting business with Cuba or any persons affiliated with the Cuban government; and (b) stricter enforcement and civil and criminal penalties for such businesses. The report should consider and include the input of the Miami-Dade County Tax Collector's Office. The completed report shall be provided to the City Commission within 60 days of the effective date of this resolution.

Section 4. Directs the City Clerk to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the President of the United States, the United States Secretary of State, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the President Pro Tempore of the United States Senate, the Chair and Members of the Florida Congressional Delegation, the Governor of Florida, the Speaker of the Florida House of Representatives, the President of the Florida Senate, and the Chair and members of the Miami-Dade State Legislative Delegation.

Section 5. Directs the City's state lobbyists to advocate for the action described in Section 1 above, and authorizes and directs the City Manager to: (a) amend the 2026 State Legislative Package to include this item, and (b) include this item in the 2026 Federal Legislative Package when it is presented to the Board.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by a _____ vote of the Mayor and City Commission of the City of North Miami Beach, Florida, this _____ day of _____, 2026.

MICHAEL JOSEPH
MAYOR

ATTEST:

ANDRISE BERNARD
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM
AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

GREENSPOON MARDER
CITY ATTORNEY

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