

**RESOLUTION NO. 12-37**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF  
THE CITY OF DORAL, FLORIDA URGING THE  
GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA TO SIGN INTO  
LAW CS/CS/HB 959 PROHIBITING THE STATE AND  
LOCAL GOVERNMENTS FROM ENTERING INTO  
CONTRACTS WITH COMPANIES ENGAGED IN  
BUSINESS OPERATIONS IN CUBA OR SYRIA**

**WHEREAS**, Cuba is a totalitarian police state which relies on brutally repressive methods to maintain control including torture, prolonged incarceration and murder of its citizens as well as intense physical and electronic surveillance of both Cuban nations and foreign visitors; and

**WHEREAS**, Syria is a barbaric regime that harasses and imprisons human rights activists and other critics of the government, including savagely slaughtering its own people to maintain power; and

**WHEREAS**, both Cuba and Syria are considered by the United States Department of State as state sponsors of terrorism; and

**WHEREAS**, HB 959 is an expression of the legislative intent and will of the State of Florida, to not do business with companies that are engaged in business operations and foster economic activities with state sponsors of terrorism such as Cuba and Syria; and

**WHEREAS**, HB 959 is consistent with state and federal law to adopt and enforce the contracting prohibitions provided in the statute, by adding Cuba and Syria to the present ban imposed on nations such as Iran and Sudan; and

**WHEREAS**, numerous other states throughout the country have successfully enacted similar legislation to HB 959;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DORAL, FLORIDA,** that this Council urges the Governor to sign HB 959 into law and instructs all city departments and personnel to adhere and implement the prohibitions contained in HB 959 to come into effect and be enforced in Doral. This Board further directs the City Clerk to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the President of the United States, the members of the Florida Congressional Delegation, the Governor of the State of Florida, and the Board of Miami-Dade County Commissioners.

The foregoing Resolution was offered by Councilman Cabrera, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor DiPietro and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Mayor Juan Carlos Bermudez	Yes
Vice Mayor Michael DiPietro	Yes
Councilmember Luigi Boria	Yes
Councilmember Pete Cabrera	Yes
Councilmember Ana Maria Rodriguez	Yes

This resolution shall become effective two (2) days after the date of its adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 28<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2012.

  
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JUAN CARLOS BERMUDEZ, MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
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BARBARA HERRERA, CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM  
AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

  
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JIMMY L. MORALES, CITY ATTORNEY