As the world continues to monitor Russia’s continued aggression against Ukraine, Miami-Dade County stands in solidarity with the people facing the effects of this unprovoked war. In a community like ours – built by immigrants and refugees fleeing from all corners of the globe in search of a better life, peace and democracy – we have always extended a hand to help those who come to us in need. In this vein, we will do our part to ensure that we are part of the solution.

Today, I am directing all department directors to conduct a complete review of all county contracts within their purview to confirm that none are connected to Russian business interests of any sort. Please alert your respective Chief as soon as possible if there are contracts of concern or if you require further clarification.

In this defining moment, we must always defend democracy and the rights of people to live in peace. Our county must not, in good conscience, continue any business relationship that could directly or indirectly bankroll violence and war against Ukraine.

Your support and cooperation are appreciated.

c: Honorable Chairman Jose “Pepe” Diaz and Members, Board of County Commissioners
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