

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, ACCEPTING THE MOTION BY THE HISPANIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, AND DECLARING SUPPORT FOR THE PEOPLE OF CUBA FOR BRAVELY ASSERTING THEIR UNIVERSAL RIGHT TO FREEDOM AND JUSTICE THROUGH PEACEFUL PROTEST, FOR THEIR CALL FOR RELIEF FROM THE DEVASTATING GRIP OF THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC, AND FROM DECADES OF REPRESSION AND ECONOMIC SUFFERING BY AN AUTHORITARIAN REGIME; AND URGING HUMANITARIAN AND DIPLOMATIC INTERVENTION BY THE U.S. GOVERNMENT FOR A PEACEFUL TRANSITION TO A DEMOCRATIC CUBA.

WHEREAS, Miami Beach has a large number of Cuban residents and other individuals whose families have fled from Communist regimes and repression; and

WHEREAS, at the special meeting on July 15, 2021, the City of Miami Beach Hispanic Affairs Advisory Committee passed a motion urging the City of Miami Beach to declare support and solidarity with the people of Cuba rising up against the authoritarian Communist regime, and further, urge humanitarian and diplomatic intervention by the U.S. government for a peaceful change in Cuba; and

WHEREAS, unbearable living conditions of the Cuban people are not a result of the U.S sanctions, but of the authoritarian Communist regime inflicting economic misery on its own people, denying them basic social rights, and curtailing freedom of speech by assaulting and arresting protestors, and restricting the public's access to the Internet with the intent to hide evidence of the Cuban people protesting against the authoritarian regime; and

WHEREAS, the Cuban people desire freedom and the right to self-determination, basic social rights, relief from harsh conditions of everyday life, and relief from the pandemic crisis currently ravaging the country; and

WHEREAS, protests by the Cuban people are supported by many civic and economic leaders, local and international communities, governments, entertainers, and the U.S. government who hear the cries of the Cuban people for this vital moment of change; and

WHEREAS, in a manner consistent with the aspirations of the Cuban people, the Mayor and City Commission of Miami Beach support the call for "Patria Y Vida" for Cuba in this historic moment of change for freedom and justice.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT DULY RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, that the Mayor and City Commission hereby accept the motion by the Hispanic Affairs Advisory Committee, and declare support for the people of Cuba for bravely asserting their universal right to freedom and justice through peaceful protest, for their call for relief from the devastating grip of the COVID-19 pandemic, and from decades of repression and economic suffering by an authoritarian regime; and urge humanitarian and diplomatic intervention by the U.S. government for a peaceful transition to a democratic Cuba.

PASSED and ADOPTED this ____ day of _____, 2021.

Dan Gelber, Mayor

ATTEST:

Rafael E. Granado, City Clerk

(sponsored by Commissioner Michael Gongora
co-sponsored by Vice Mayor Ricky Arriola)

APPROVED AS TO
FORM & LANGUAGE
& FOR EXECUTION



City Attorney


7-20-21
Date