

RESOLUTION No. 21-148

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DORAL, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING AND UNITING IN SOLIDARITY WITH THE CUBAN PEOPLE'S RIGHT TO DEMOCRACY, FREEDOM OF SPEECH AND ASSEMBLY; AND REQUESTING THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT JOIN AND SUPPORT THE CUBAN PEOPLE'S RIGHT TO DEMOCRACY, FREEDOM OF SPEECH, AND ASSEMBLY; PROVIDING FOR TRANSMITTAL; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, Cuba's communist dictatorship has wrought 62 years of oppression, starvation, murder, and economic instability on the island nation ever since the 1959 revolution; and

WHEREAS, Cuba's already existing humanitarian crisis resulting from the incompetence and brutality of its communist regime has been exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic to which the communist government's response has been particularly inept and has added thousands upon thousands to the list of the regime's victims; and

WHEREAS, Cuba's healthcare system has been overwhelmed to the point of collapse, most medical supplies and medicines have run out, and food has become increasingly scarce; and

WHEREAS, the Cuban government does not have the resources nor the ability to improve the situation yet continues to reject humanitarian aid; and

WHEREAS, in response to the Cuban government's oppression and incompetence, the Cuban people have revolted against the communist regime by taking to the streets to demand freedom in a manner not seen before; and

WHEREAS, the Cuban government has responded in typical autocratic fashion by continuing to arrest those who oppose it, fire live rounds at unarmed protestors, shut down the internet and mobile communication among the public to conceal the truth, and shut down electricity thereby worsening living conditions in the country; and

WHEREAS, the City of Doral is comprised of a significant population of Cubans and those of Cuban heritage as well as those from other countries that have become victims of repression by communists and socialist regimes such as Nicaragua and Venezuela; and

WHEREAS, the City of Doral seeks to express solidarity with the Cuban people in their hour of need; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the Mayor and the City Council of the City of Doral to encourage other municipalities in Miami-Dade County to express solidarity with the Cuban people in their struggle for independence; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and the City Council of the City of Doral hopes that by doing so there will be a stronger response from the federal government of the United States to bring the full weight of its influence and power to bear on the communist regime that sits only 90 miles away from our border; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and the City Council of the City of Doral urges our federal elected officials and other key federal officials to exercise the federal

government's power and influence such that it provides support to the democratic movement in Cuba that is currently unfolding through all diplomatic, political, judicial, and economic means available to it.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DORAL, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Recitals. The foregoing recitals are true and correct and incorporated herein by this reference.

Section 2. Expression of Support and Call to Action. The Mayor and the City Council of the City of Doral unites in support and solidarity with the Cuban People's fight for democratic governance, freedom of speech, assembly, religion, and of the press and further requests the United States government use the full weight of its power and influence to provide support to the democratic movement in Cuba that is currently unfolding through all diplomatic, political, judicial, and economic means available to it. Further, the Mayor and the City Council strongly urges all municipalities in Miami-Dade County to pass a resolution substantially similar in form to this resolution.

Section 3. Transmittal. The City Clerk is hereby instructed to provide a copy of this Resolution to the President of the United States, the United States Secretary of State, the Cuban Ambassador to the United States, Senator Marco Rubio, Senator Rick Scott, Congressman Mario-Diaz-Balart, the Miami-Dade League of Cities for distribution to its members, and to the Clerk of each municipality in Miami-

Dade County for distribution to their elected officials.

Section 4. Effective Date. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

The foregoing Resolution was offered by Councilmember Puig-Corve who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Mariaca and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Mayor Juan Carlos Bermudez	Yes
Vice Mayor Pete Cabrera	Yes
Councilwoman Digna Cabral	Yes
Councilwoman Claudia Mariaca	Yes
Councilman Oscar Puig-Corve	Yes

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 11 day of August, 2021.



JUAN CARLOS BERMUDEZ, MAYOR

ATTEST:



CONNIE DIAZ, MMC
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY
FOR THE USE AND RELIANCE OF THE CITY OF DORAL ONLY:



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