RESOLUTION No. 23-111

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DORAL, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING H.R. 4048, THE "VENEZUELAN ADJUSTMENT ACT," OR SIMILAR LEGISLATION THAT WOULD AUTHORIZE THE SECRETARY OF HOMELAND SECURITY TO ADJUST THE STATUS OF CERTAIN VENEZUELAN NATIONALS TO LAWFULLY ADMITTED PERMANENT RESIDENTS; PROVIDING FOR TRANSMITTAL; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, the Venezuelan-American community bestows a significant contribution to the cultural, economic, and social fabric of Miami-Dade County; and

WHEREAS, the City of Doral ("City") is home to the largest group of residents from

Venezuela who have fled their home country due to government oppression and declining

economic and humanitarian conditions; and

WHEREAS, the Venezuelan diaspora is a vibrant community that has enriched the City's culture and diversity and has played a substantial role in shaping the development of the City through their many contributions to various industries, including business, media, technology, gastronomy, education, service, and sports; and

WHEREAS, on June 13, 2023, a bipartisan group of members of the U.S. House of Representatives introduced H.R. 4048, which authorizes the Secretary of Homeland Security to adjust the status of certain aliens who are nationals of Venezuela to that of aliens lawfully admitted for permanent residence, and for other purposes ("Venezuelan Adjustment Act"), and would provide a pathway to lawful permanent resident status to eligible Venezuelans; and

WHEREAS, the City seeks to express its support for the Venezuelan community by supporting the "Venezuelan Adjustment Act" which would allow Venezuelan immigrants to integrate into society more fully, and increase their contributions to our community and economy.

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

Section 1. Recitals. The above recitals are true and correct and incorporated herein.

<u>Section 2.</u> <u>Support of H.R. 4048.</u> The City Council for the City of Doral supports the "Venezuelan Adjustment Act," or similar legislation that would authorize the Secretary of Homeland Security to adjust the status of certain Venezuelan nationals to lawfully admitted permanent residents.

<u>Section 3.</u> <u>Transmittal.</u> The City Clerk for the City of Doral is hereby directed to transmit certified copies of this resolution to U.S. Representatives Darren Soto (sponsor), Debbie Wasserman Shultz (co-sponsor), Frederica Wilson (co-sponsor), Maria Elvira Salazar (co-sponsor), Mario Diaz-Balart, and the remaining South Florida members of the U.S. House of Representatives.

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

The foregoing Resolution was offered by Councilmember Cabral who moved its adoption.

The motion was seconded by Councilmember Puig-Corve and upon being put to a vote,

the vote was as follows:

Mayor Christi Fraga Vice Mayor Rafael Pineyro Councilwoman Digna Cabral Councilwoman Maureen Porras Councilman Oscar Puig-Corve

Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 28 day of June, 2023.

CHRISTI FRAGA, 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:

VALERIE VICENTE, ESQ. for NABORS, GIBLIN & NICKERSON, P.A. CITY ATTORNEY