

RESOLUTION NO. 14 – 95

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DORAL, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING UNITED STATES HOUSE RESOLUTION 4587 AND UNITED STATES SENATE BILL 2142, WHICH SEEK TO IMPOSE SANCTIONS ON VENEZUELAN GOVERNMENT ACTORS FOR HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES OCCURRING IN VENEZUELA; URGING THE UNITED STATES SENATE TO PASS AND ADOPT SENATE BILL 2142 OR, IN THE ALTERNATIVE, HOUSE RESOLUTION 4587; URGING THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT TO IMPLEMENT THE PROVISIONS OF THE HOUSE RESOLUTION 4587 AND SENATE BILL 2142; PROVIDING FOR TRANSMITTAL; PROVIDING FOR IMPLEMENTATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, on February 12, 2014, also known Venezuela as the National Youth Day, students began protesting in several cities against Venezuelan leader Nicolas Maduro's inability to stem violent crime, his undemocratic actions, and a rapidly deteriorating economy; and

WHEREAS, beginning on February 12, 2014, the Venezuelan government began a systemic crack-down on free speech by arresting opposition leader for incitement, conspiracy, arson, and intent to damage and attempting to silence dissent in the country through intimidation, arrests, and violence; and

WHEREAS, as of the beginning of the summer there had been over 41 people killed, over 60 cases of torture, hundreds injured, and untold numbers of individuals detained during pro-democracy demonstrations throughout Venezuela, and

WHEREAS, numerous human rights abuses have been reported against the Venezuelan government, including, but not limited to, corruption, politicization of the judicial system, imprisonment of citizens in life-threatening conditions, actions to limit due process and impede freedom of expression and restrict freedom of speech, and other cruel, inhuman, or degrading treatment; and

WHEREAS, the Central Bank of Venezuela and the government of Venezuela have imposed a series of currency controls that has exacerbated economic problems, and made domestic and international business, in Venezuela

WHEREAS, in response to the foregoing the United States House of Representatives passed and adopted House Resolution 4587, which imposed targeted sanctions on individuals responsible for carrying out or ordering human rights abuses against the citizens of Venezuela; imposed sanctions with respect to the transfer of goods or technologies to Venezuela that are likely to be used to commit human rights abuses; and promoted a comprehensive strategy to promote principles of freedom for Venezuela, access to information in Venezuela, and assist political prisoners; and

WHEREAS, in response to the aforementioned actions in Venezuela, the United States Senate has similarly proposed Senate Bill 2142, which seeks to impose targeted sanctions on persons responsible for violations of human rights of antigovernment protestors in Venezuela, to strengthen civil society in Venezuela, and seek the development of information regarding that state of free speech and free media in Venezuela; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council deem it appropriate and beneficial for the City of Doral to support House Resolution 4587 and Senate Bill 2142.

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

Section 1. Recitals. The foregoing recitals are confirmed, adopted, and incorporated herein and made a part hereof by this reference.

Section 2. Support for Congressional Action. House Resolution 4587 and Senate Bill 2142 are hereby supported; the United States Senate is hereby strongly

urged to pass and adopt Senate Bill 2142 as soon as possible, or, in the alternative, to pass and adopt House Resolution 4587; and the United States government, by and through the State Department, is hereby strongly urged to implement the provisions of the foregoing legislation as soon as possible, so as to work towards the reduction of human rights abuses and the restoration of freedom in Venezuela.

Section 3. Transmittal. The City Clerk is hereby directed to this Resolution to the Congressional sponsors of the aforementioned legislation, the members of the Congressional delegation of Miami-Dade County, the Speaker of the United States House of the Representatives, the President of the United States Senate, and the United States Secretary of State.

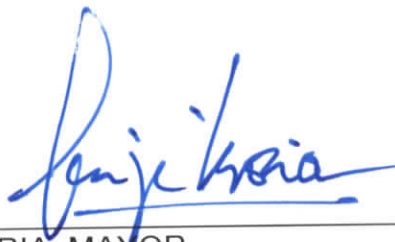
Section 4. Implementation. The City Manager, City Clerk, and the City Attorney are hereby authorized to take any such action as may be necessary to implement the provisions and accomplish the objectives of this Resolution

Section 5. Effective Date. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

The foregoing Resolution was offered by Councilwoman Rodriguez Aguilera, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Rodriguez and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Mayor Luigi Boria	Yes
Vice Mayor Christi Fraga	Yes
Councilwoman Ana Maria Rodriguez	Yes
Councilwoman Bettina Rodriguez Aguilera	Yes
Councilwoman Sandra Ruiz	Yes

PASSED and ADOPTED this 9th day of July, 2014.




LUIGI BORIA, MAYOR

ATTEST:



BARBARA HERRERA, CITY CLERK

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



WEISS, SEROTA, HELFMAN, PASTORIZA
COLE AND BONISKE, PL
CITY ATTORNEY