

RESOLUTION No. 18-36

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DORAL, FLORIDA, URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO PASS LEGISLATION PROHIBITING CONDUCTING BUSINESS WITH AND FOR THE VENEZUELAN GOVERNMENT; PROVIDING FOR TRANSMITTAL; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, the current government of Venezuela continues to engage in intolerable acts of violence and political persecution in an effort to subdue the Venezuelan, resulting in countless human rights violations; and

WHEREAS, those human rights violations include unjust detention, prosecution, and punishment of political prisoners in spite of international calls for freedom; and

WHEREAS, the United States government has deemed the situation in Venezuela an extraordinary threat to national security and foreign policy; and

WHEREAS, the City of Doral (the "City") stands with its Venezuelan residents, Miami-Dade County, and the State of Florida demanding freedom and democracy for the people of Venezuela; and

WHEREAS, though the United States Department of Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Control has issued sanctions against Venezuelan officials, more could and should be done to punish those involved with Maduro regime; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to support legislation that holds accountable people and companies who do business with and for the Venezuelan government.

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. Recommended Position. The Florida Legislature is hereby strongly urged to pass legislation (House Bill 359 and Senate Bill 70) prohibiting businesses to conduct business with the Venezuelan regime and holding accountable those businesses that do business with and for the Venezuelan regime.

Section 3. Transmittal. The City Clerk is hereby directed to transmit this Resolution to the Speaker of the Florida House of Representatives, the President of the Florida Senate, the Governor of the State of Florida, and such individuals of the Florida legislature and staff as deemed appropriate by the City Manager, to ensure that the City's position with this regard is clearly received and understood.

Section 4. Effective Date. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

The foregoing Resolution was offered by Vice Mayor Rodriguez 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 Ana Maria Rodriguez	Yes
Councilman Pete Cabrera	Yes
Councilwoman Christi Fraga	Yes
Councilwoman Claudia Mariaca	Yes

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 13 day of February, 2018.



JUAN CARLOS BERMUDEZ, MAYOR

ATTEST:



CONNIE DIAZ, CMC
CITY CLERK

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



WEISS, SEROTA, HELFMAN, COLE & BIERMAN, P.L.
CITY ATTORNEY