RESOLUTION No. 25-55

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DORAL, FLORIDA, URGING PRESIDENT DONALD J. TRUMP AND HIS ADMINISTRATION TO WORK WITH CONGRESS TO FIND A PERMANENT SOLUTION FOR LAW ABIDING VENEZUELANS REFUGED IN THE CITY OF DORAL AND ELSEWHERE IN THE UNITED STATES; PROVIDING FOR IMPLEMENTATION; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF RECITALS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, forty (40) percent of the City of Doral's (the "City") population is composed of Venezuelan immigrants; and

WHEREAS, the Venezuelan people have been protagonist in the economic growth of the City, making it one of the most affluent communities in Miami-Dade County, and among the fastest growing cities in the nation; and

WHEREAS, the Venezuelan people left their native country of Venezuela in order to escape the brutal and communist dictatorship of then Hugo Chavez, and now Nicolas Maduro; and

WHEREAS, law abiding Venezuelans honor American principals of family and freedom, and desire to continue to reside and provide for their families in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the end of Temporary Protective Status for the Venezuelan people will result in the mass deportation of Venezuelans into the murderous hands of the Maduro regime, resulting in their persecution, political imprisonment, torture, and death; and

WHEREAS, the City of Doral Mayor and Council believe in the importance of upholding the rule of law, and desire for President Trump and his administration to work with Congress in order to find a legal solution that would protect the Venezuelan people

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who have refuged themselves in the City, seeking only the opportunity to contribute to American democracy and provide freedom from oppression for their families.

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

<u>Section 1.</u> <u>Incorporation of Recitals.</u> The above stated recitals are incorporated herein as if restated.

Section 2. Requesting President Donald J. Trump and his Administration to work with Congress to find a long term solution for the Venezuelan people. The Mayor and City Council hereby ask President Donald J. Trump and his administration to work with Congress to find a permanent solution for law abiding Venezuelan people refuged in the City of Doral and elsewhere in the United States; who if deported to Venezuela will likely be subjects of oppression, political imprisonment, torture and death at the hands of the murderous Nicolas Maduro regime; and who desire to contribute and be protagonists of American democracy and family values.

<u>Section 3.</u> Implementation. The City Clerk is authorized to transmit a copy of this resolution to President Donald J. Trump, Vice President J.D. Vance, Secretary of State Marco Rubio, Senator Rick Scott, and Congressman Mario Diaz-Balart.

<u>Section 4.</u> <u>Effective Date.</u> This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Councilman Rafael Pineyro. Mayor Christi Fraga, Vice Mayor Maureen Porras, and Councilwoman Nicole Reinoso requested to be co-sponsors of the item.

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

Mayor Christi Fraga Yes
Vice Mayor Maureen Porras Yes
Councilwoman Digna Cabral Absent
Councilman Rafael Pineyro Yes
Councilwoman Nicole Reinoso Yes

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 12 day of February, 2025.

HRISTI 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:

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