

**RESOLUTION NO. 2016-12**

RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HIALEAH, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING MIAMI-DADE COUNTY'S RESOLUTION URGING PRESIDENT OBAMA'S ADMINISTRATION TO REFRAIN FROM ESTABLISHING A CUBAN CONSULATE IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**WHEREAS**, the City of Hialeah is the sixth largest municipality in Florida with a Hispanic population of over ninety four percent (94%);

**WHEREAS**, the City of Hialeah has historically been home to a large number of Cuban exiles who came to the City of Hialeah fleeing oppression and injustice at the hands of the Cuban government;

**WHEREAS**, in December of 2104, President Obama announced an initiative to begin to normalize relations with Cuba;

**WHEREAS**, the Cuban Embassy in Washington, D.C. and the U.S. Embassy in Havana were officially reopened for the first time in more than half-century on July 20, 2015 and August 14, 2015, respectively;

**WHEREAS**, less than half of the Cuban-American population living in Florida support the establishment of a Cuban consulate in Miami, according to a Miami Herald poll;

**WHEREAS**, around the world, foreign consulates are forums for major protests and riots which frequently escalate to general chaos, violence and civil disorder;

**WHEREAS**, the presence of a Cuban consulate in Miami-Dade County could create civil unrest, which would disrupt civil order and critical public infrastructure services, threatening the health, safety and welfare of the residents of the City and all County residents at large;

**WHEREAS**, there are more viable options for the location of a Cuban consulate in the United States; and

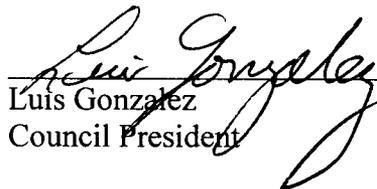
**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and City Council of the City of Hialeah would like to urge President Obama's administration to refrain from establishing a Cuban consulate in Miami-Dade County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HIALEAH, FLORIDA, THAT:

**Section 1:** The City of Hialeah, Florida hereby joins Miami-Dade County in urging President Obama's administration to refrain from establishing a Cuban consulate in Miami-Dade County.

**Section 3:** This resolution shall become effective when approved by majority vote of the City Council and signed by the Mayor or at the next regularly scheduled City Council meeting, if the Mayor's signature is withheld or if the City Council overrides the Mayor's veto.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 26 day of January, 2016.

  
Luis Gonzalez  
Council President

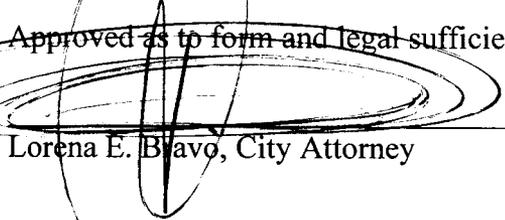
Attest:

Approved on this 1 day of February, 2016.

  
Marbelys Fatjo, City Clerk

  
Mayor Carlos Hernandez

Approved as to form and legal sufficiency:

  
Lorena E. Blavo, City Attorney

Resolution was adopted by a (7-0) unanimous vote with Councilmembers, Caragol, Cue-Fuente, Garcia-Martinez, Hernandez, Gonzalez, Lozano and Casáls-Muñoz voting "Yes".