

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-098

RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
IN SUPPORT OF THE PEOPLE OF CUBA IN THEIR
DEMAND FOR FREEDOM AND CONDEMNING THE
TYRANNICAL COMMUNIST REGIME IN CUBA,
AND URGING THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED
STATES TO SUPPORT THE CUBAN PEOPLE WHO
BRAVELY TOOK TO THE STREETS.

WHEREAS, on July 11, 2021, the Cuban people raised their voices against the tyrannical Communist/Socialist Cuban regime expressing their dissent from the negative failed Cuban communist slogans of the past such as: Socialism or Death, or Country or Death (*Socialism O Muerte, o Patria O Muerte*), chanting instead (*Patria y Vida*), i.e., Country and Life; and

WHEREAS, the Cuban people, tired of suffering and dying under a brutal, tyrannical, one-party rule, farcical dictatorship, peacefully protested against this regime clamoring for freedom through democracy, in favor of a free market economy, and in favor of civil liberties; and

WHEREAS, the people of Cuba express their desire through their protests for the right to meaningfully express their political will by voting in free and fair elections,

WHEREAS, the people of Cuba are deprived of their free will and their liberty of conscience, freedom of expression and from exercising these inalienable God given rights, to which all humanity is entitled; and

WHEREAS, the systemic and continued brutal and unyielding repression of the Cuban people by the dictatorial Cuban regime has resulted in a nation where everyday Cubans are not in charge of their own destiny and future and cannot exercise free will; and

WHEREAS, the Cuban people are collectivized by a State controlled failed economy and forced to propagate the myth about universal healthcare touted by the Cuban regime as one of the exemplary pillars of its legitimacy and its "revolutionary" one-party system despite its evident failure to efficiently and effectively provide the most basic of care; and

WHEREAS, regrettably, the Cuban Police State has succeeded in controlling its population through force and intimidation and empty slogans, rather than allow robust debate, free flow of information and ideas, civil and economic liberties, free and fair elections, all of which are the bulwark of humanity, and which are an anathema to the Cuban Police State; and

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WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council of the City of Hialeah strongly condemn the actions and ideology of the Cuban regime; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council of the City of Hialeah strongly urge President Biden to support the Cuban people by: 1) lighting up the internet in Cuba, which the Cuban regime shut down; 2) coordinating an international effort by calling a meeting of the United Nations Security Council to condemn the Cuban regime and taking other action as is needed; 3) engaging the European Union and the Organization of American States (OAS) to condemn the oppression of the Cuban people by the Cuban regime and taking other action as is needed; and 4) encouraging universal condemnation and the sanctioning of the Cuban regime and its agents who continue to violate the human rights of the protesters; and

WHEREAS, Cuba's government, as do all dictatorships and tyrannical regimes, has blamed the demonstrations on U.S. financed "counter-revolutionaries" exploiting hardships caused by decades-old U.S. sanctions tightened during the pandemic, and is calling on countries and non-government organizations to lift sanctions, as if this will result in anything other than lining the regime's pockets, further abuse and neglect of the Cuban people and anything but a free Cuba; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and the City Council of Hialeah applaud and strongly urge President Biden and Secretary of State Blinken to continue to publicly condemn the violence perpetrated upon the Cuban people by the Cuban one-party rule regime, the arbitrary arrests, the continued persecution, threats, and intimidation against the people of Cuba, that has and continues to quash their civil and economic liberty, and their free expression; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and the City Council of Hialeah urge every elected official in every public office in the United States, the greatest democracy of the world, to speak up and send a message to the Cuban people that the United States of America supports them in their fight for civil liberties, a robust and free market economy, and a democracy with free and fair elections; in short: "*Viva Cuba Libre!*"

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

Section 1: The foregoing facts and recitations contained in the preamble to this Resolution are hereby adopted and incorporated by reference as if fully set forth herein.

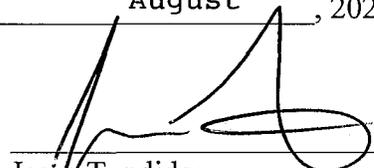
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Section 2: The City of Hialeah strongly urges the President of the United States of America to support the people of Cuba by condemning the Cuban socialist/communist, tyrannical one-party rule regime, by taking the actions and expressing support for the Cuban people, as provided in the preamble to this Resolution.

Section 3: The City Clerk is directed to send a certified copy of this Resolution to President Biden, the Secretary of State Antony Blinken, the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the Majority and Minority leaders in Congress, and such other persons as may be appropriate.

Section 4: This resolution shall become effective upon signature of the Mayor of the City of Hialeah, Florida 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.

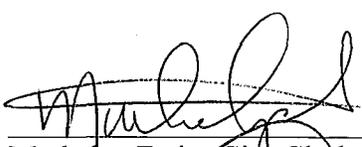
PASSED AND ADOPTED this 10 day of August, 2021.



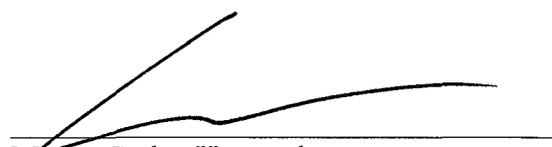
Jesus Tundidor
Council President

Attest:

Approved on this 20 day of August, 2021.

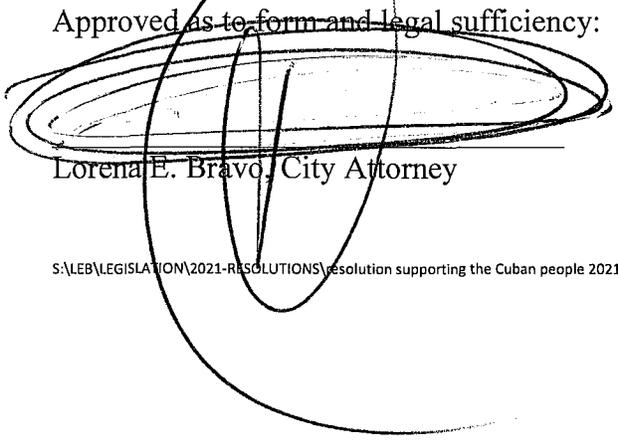


Marbelys Fatjo, City Clerk



Mayor Carlos Hernandez

Approved as to form and legal sufficiency:



Lorena E. Bravo, City Attorney