

**RESOLUTION NO. 21-1752**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING AND UNITING IN SOLIDARITY WITH THE CUBAN PEOPLE'S RIGHT TO DEMOCRACY, FREEDOM OF SPEECH AND ASSEMBLY, AND REQUESTING THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT JOIN AND SUPPORT THE CUBAN PEOPLE'S RIGHT TO DEMOCRACY, FREEDOM OF SPEECH, AND ASSEMBLY; PROVIDING FOR INSTRUCTIONS TO THE TOWN CLERK; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF RECITALS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (DIEGUEZ, CID, COLLAZO, FERNANDEZ, RUANO)**

**WHEREAS**, Cuba's communist dictatorship has wrought 62 years of oppression, starvation, murder, and economic instability on the island nation ever since the 1959 revolution; and

**WHEREAS**, Cuba's already existing humanitarian crisis resulting from the incompetence and brutality of its communist regime has been exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic to which the communist government's response has been particularly inept and has added thousands upon thousands to the list of the regime's victims; and

**WHEREAS**, Cuba's healthcare system has been overwhelmed to the point of collapse, most medical supplies and medicines have run out, and food has become increasingly scarce; and

**WHEREAS**, The Cuban government does not have the resources nor the ability to improve the situation yet continues to reject humanitarian aid; and

**WHEREAS**, in response to the Cuban government's oppression and incompetence, the Cuban people have risen up against the communist regime by taking to the streets to demand freedom in a manner not seen before; and

**WHEREAS**, The Cuban government has responded in typical autocratic fashion by continuing to arrest those who oppose it, fire live rounds at unarmed protestors, shut down the internet

and mobile communication among the public to conceal the truth, and shut down electricity thereby worsening living conditions in the country; and

**WHEREAS**, The Town of Miami Lakes is comprised of a significant population of Cubans and those of Cuban heritage as well as those from other countries that have become victims of repression by communists and socialist regimes such as Nicaragua and Venezuela; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Miami Lakes seeks to express solidarity with the Cuban people in their hour of need; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the intent of the Town Council of the Town of Miami Lakes to encourage other municipalities in Miami-Dade County to express solidarity with the Cuban people in their struggle for independence; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Council of the Town of Miami Lakes hopes that by doing so there will be a stronger response from the federal government of the United States to bring the full weight of its influence and power to bear on the communist regime that sits only 90 miles away from our border; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Miami Lakes urges our federal elected officials and other key federal officials to exercise the federal government's power and influence such that it provide support to the democratic movement in Cuba that is currently unfolding through all diplomatic, political, judicial, and economic means available to it.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1. Recitals.** The foregoing Recitals are true and correct and incorporated herein by this reference.

**Section 2. Expression of Support and Call to Action.** The Town Council of Miami Lakes unites in support and solidarity with the Cuban People's fight for democratic governance, freedom of speech, assembly, religion, and of the press and further requests the United States government use the full weight of its power and influence to provide support to the democratic movement in Cuba that is currently unfolding through all diplomatic, political, judicial, and economic means available to it. Further, the Town Council of Miami Lakes strongly urges all municipalities in Miami-Dade County to pass a resolution substantially similar in form to this resolution.

**Section 3. Instructions to the Town Clerk.** The Town Clerk is hereby instructed to provide a copy of this Resolution to the President of the United States, the United States Secretary of State, the Cuban Ambassador to the United States, Senator Marco Rubio, Senator Rick Scott, Congressman Mario-Diaz-Balart, the Miami-Dade League of Cities for distribution to its members, and to the Clerk of each municipality in Miami-Dade County for distribution to their elected officials.

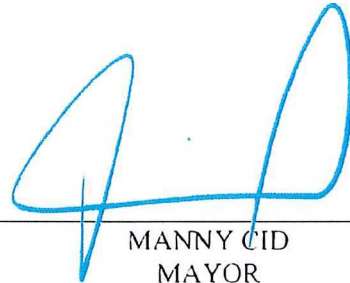
**Section 4. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

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Passed and adopted this 13<sup>th</sup> day of July 2021

The foregoing resolution was offered by Councilmember Dieguez who moved its adoption.  
The motion was seconded by Mayor Cid and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

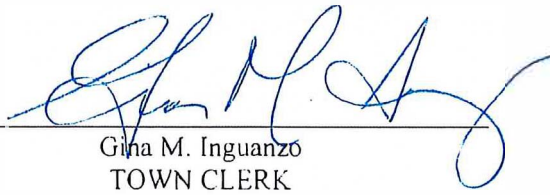
Mayor Manny Cid	yes
Vice Mayor Luis E. Collazo	yes
Councilmember Carlos O. Alvarez	Absent
Councilmember Josh Dieguez	yes
Councilmember Tony Fernandez	yes
Councilmember Jeffrey Rodriguez	Absent
Councilmember Marilyn Ruano	yes



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MANNY CID  
MAYOR

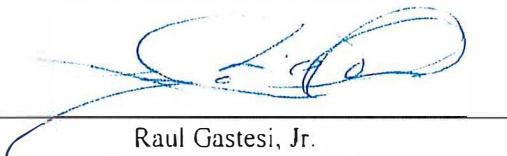
Attest:



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Gina M. Inguanzo  
TOWN CLERK

Approved as to form and legal sufficiency:



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TOWN ATTORNEY