

**RESOLUTION NO. 24-2056**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, COUNCIL PROVIDING SUPPORT TO THE AMERICAN MUSEUM OF THE CUBAN DIASPORA'S DEMAND THAT FORMER CUBAN PILOT GONZALEZ-PRADO BE INVESTIGATED FOR HIS INVOLVEMENT IN THE 1996 UNLAWFUL SHOOTING OF SEVERAL BROTHERS TO THE RESCUE AIRPLANES; PROVIDING FOR INSTRUCTIONS TO THE CLERK; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE**

**WHEREAS**, in 1996, Brothers to the Rescue pilots, flying unarmed airplanes through the Florida Straits, were unlawfully gunned down by Cuban pilots; and

**WHEREAS**, Cuba's Revolutionary Airforce Colonel, Luis Raul Gonzalez-Prado, allegedly was among those pilots that committed this heinous act; and

**WHEREAS**, recently, Luis Raul Gonzalez-Prado has sought and obtained refuge in the State of Florida; and

**WHEREAS**, the American Museum of the Cuban Diaspora has taken the lead in advocating for a full investigation into Luis Raul Gonzalez-Prado's involvement in the 1996 Brothers to the Rescue massacre; and

**WHEREAS**, the American Museum of the Cuban Diaspora is a 501c 3, that operates a museum dedicated to the memory of hundreds of thousands of Cubans that have left Cuba's oppressive, communist regime in the search for freedom; and

**WHEREAS**, a significant number of Town of Miami Lakes (the "Town") residents are immigrants from Cuba, many who have suffered oppression and crimes against humanity while in Cuba; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Council of the Town of Miami Lakes announces its support of the American Museum of the Cuban Diaspora's efforts.

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

**Section 1. Recitals.** The above recitals are confirmed, adopted, and incorporated herein and made part hereof by this reference.

**Section 2. Support of the American Museum of the Cuban Diaspora's Efforts to Advocate for the investigation of Luis Raul Gomez-Prado, and his involvement in the unlawful shooting of unarmed, Brothers to the Rescue airplanes flying through the Florida Straits.** Mayor and Town Council formally declare their support to the American Museum of the Cuban Diaspora's advocacy in furtherance of investigating Luis Raul Gonzalez-Prado's involvement in the unlawful 1996 shooting of several Brothers to the Rescue planes flying through the Florida Straits.

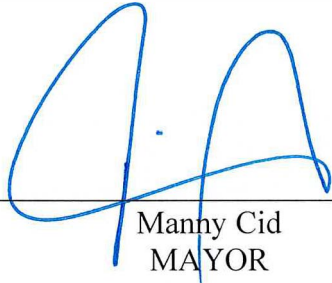
**Section 3. Instructions to the Town Clerk,** The Town Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to transmit a copy of this resolution to Congressman Mario Diaz Balart, Congressman Carlos Gimenez, Congresswoman Maria Salazar, and Homeland Security Secretary Mayorkas.

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

Passed and adopted this 29<sup>th</sup> day of October 2024

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

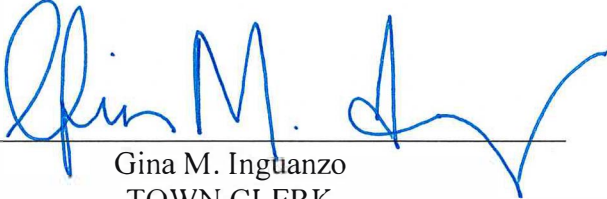
Mayor Manny Cid	Yes
Vice Mayor Tony Fernandez	Yes
Councilmember Luis E. Collazo	Yes
Councilmember Josh Dieguez	Yes
Councilmember Ray Garcia	Yes
Councilmember Bryan Morera	Yes
Councilmember Marilyn Ruano	Absent



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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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