

RESOLUTION No. 14-37

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DORAL, FLORIDA VOICING SUPPORT FOR THE VENEZUELAN DEMONSTRATORS PERSECUTED AND JAILED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF VENEZUELA, DEMANDING A HALT TO THE MISTREATMENT AND PERSECUTION OF THE DEMONSTRATORS AND THE RELEASE OF ALL POLITICAL PRISONERS; AND REQUESTING THE ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES AND U.N. COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS TO INVESTIGATE THE MISTREATMENT OF THE DEMONSTRATORS AND POLITICAL PRISONERS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, recently the Government of Venezuela has initiated a campaign of violence, intimidation, mistreatment and jailing of opposition leaders and anti-government demonstrators that have resulted in at least six deaths and more than 100 injuries over the past week; and

WHEREAS, the actions of the Government of Venezuela are inconsistent the basic rights that all humans are entitled to, and inconsistent with the general principles of a democratic society the Government of Venezuela purports to be, such as freedom of assembly, freedom of the press and equal and fair treatment of all individuals irrespective of their political beliefs and views; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council of the City of Doral desire to voice their solidarity with the demonstrators in Venezuela and request the Organization of American States and U.N. Commission on Human Rights intervene on behalf of the demonstrators.

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

Section 1. Recitals. The above recitals are true, correct, and incorporated herein by this reference.

Section 2. Statement of Solidarity. The City Council hereby condemns the actions of the Venezuelan Government and voices its support for the Venezuelan opposition leaders and demonstrators that are the subject of violence, intimidation, mistreatment and jailing by the Venezuelan Government; denouncing their abuse, demanding a halt to all mistreatment, and calling for the release of all political prisoners. The City Council also hereby requests the Organization of American States and the U.N. Commission on Human Rights to investigate the mistreatment of the demonstrators. The City Clerk is directed to forward a copy of this Resolution to Permanent Council of the Organization of American States and U.N. Secretary General Ban Ki-moon.

Section 3. Effective Date. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

By unanimous consensus of the City Council, the item was approved.

Mayor Luigi Boria	Aye
Vice Mayor Christi Fraga	Aye
Councilwoman Ana Maria Rodriguez	Aye
Councilwoman Bettina Rodriguez-Aguilera	Aye
Councilwoman Sandra Ruiz	Aye

PASSED and ADOPTED this 19th day of February, 2014.



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LUIGI BORIA, MAYOR

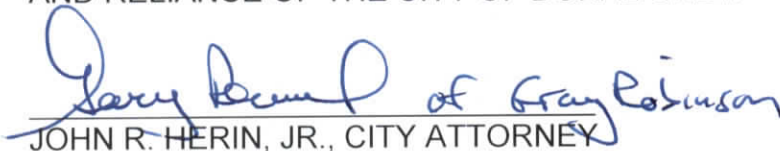
ATTEST:



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BARBARA HERRERA, CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY FOR THE USE
AND RELIANCE OF THE CITY OF DORAL ONLY:



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JOHN R. HERIN, JR., CITY ATTORNEY