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RESOLUTION No. 24-200

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DORAL, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING EDMUNDO GONZALEZ URRUTIA AS THE NEW PRESIDENT OF VENEZUELA, FOLLOWING THE RESULTS OF THE JULY 28, 2024, ELECTIONS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, the people of Venezuela exercised their democratic right to vote in the presidential elections held on Sunday, July 28, 2024; and

WHEREAS, Edmundo Gonzalez Urrutia emerged as the winner of these elections according to more than 80 percent of the electoral tally sheets received from polling stations, independent observers, and election day exit polls and quick counts; and

WHEREAS, the current Venezuelan government has refused to acknowledge and accept the electoral defeat, thus undermining the democratic process and the will of the Venezuelan people; and

WHEREAS, the City of Doral is home to a significant Venezuelan community that values democracy, human rights, and the rule of law; and

WHEREAS, the City of Doral stands in solidarity with the people of Venezuela in their pursuit of a free and fair democratic process; and

WHEREAS, recognizing the duly elected president is a vital step towards supporting the democratic aspirations and stability of Venezuela.

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

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<u>Section 1.</u> Recitals. The above recitals are true and correct and incorporated herein.

Section 2. Recognizing Edmundo Gonzalez Urrutia as President of Venezuela. The Mayor and City Council of the City of Doral hereby recognize Edmundo Gonzalez Urrutia as the legitimate President of Venezuela following the results of the July 28, 2024, elections. The City of Doral calls upon the current Venezuelan government to respect the democratic process and honor the will of the Venezuelan people by recognizing the election results.

<u>Section 3.</u> <u>Support.</u> The City of Doral supports the Venezuelan community in their efforts to uphold democracy and human rights within their home country.

<u>Section 4.</u> <u>Effective Date.</u> This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Councilwoman Digna Cabral.

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The foregoing Resolution was offered by Vice Mayor Puig-Corve who moved its adoption.

The motion was seconded by Councilmember Pineyro and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Mayor Christi Fraga	Yes
Vice Mayor Oscar Puig-Corve	Yes
Councilwoman Digna Cabral	Yes
Councilman Rafael Pineyro	Yes
Councilwoman Maureen Porras	Yes

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 14 day of August, 2024.

CHRISTI FRAGA, MAYOF

ATTEST:

CONNIE DIAZ, MMC

CITY CLERK

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

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