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OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

LTC No. 218-2013

LETTER TO COMMISSION

TO: Mayor Matti Herrera Bower and Members of the City Commission

FROM: Jimmy L. Morales, City Manager

DATE: June 28, 2013

SUBJECT: **TRANSMITTAL OF CITY OF DORAL RESOLUTION NO. 13-73 IN SUPPORT OF CUBAN REFUGEES DETAINED IN THE BAHAMAS.**

This LTC is to inform you that the City of Doral adopted on June 25, 2013, Resolution No. 13-73, voicing support for the Cuban refugees detained by the Government of the Bahamas; denouncing their abuse, demanding a halt to all mistreatment, and calling for their humane treatment; requesting the U.S. Department of State and U.N. Commission on Human Rights to investigate the treatment of the refugees, support their designation as political refugees, and grant them political asylum.

The City of Doral requests that Miami Beach consider and support a similar resolution.

If you have any questions, please contact the City Clerk's Office at 305-673-7411.

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RESOLUTION No. 13-73

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DORAL, FLORIDA VOICING SUPPORT FOR THE CUBAN REFUGEES DETAINED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF THE BAHAMAS; DENOUNCING THEIR ABUSE, DEMANDING A HALT TO ALL MISTREATMENT, AND CALLING FOR THEIR HUMANE TREATMENT; REQUESTING THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE AND U.N. COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS TO INVESTIGATE THE TREATMENT OF THE REFUGEES, SUPPORT THEIR DESIGNATION AS POLITICAL REFUGEES, AND GRANT THEM POLITICAL ASYLUM; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, recently a group of Cuban refugees seeking freedom from the brutal and repressive Castro regime made landfall in the Bahamas; and

WHEREAS, the refugees were taken into custody by the government of the Bahamas and are currently at risk of repatriation to Cuba notwithstanding the fact the refugees have publicly stated that they fear for their well-being if they were to return to Cuba; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council of the City of Doral desire to voice their solidarity with the refugees and request that the U.S. Department of State and U.N. Commission on Human Rights intervene on behalf of the refugees.

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 voices its support for the Cuban refugees detained by the government of the Bahamas; denouncing their abuse, demanding a halt to all mistreatment, and Calling for their humane treatment. The City Council also hereby requests the U.S. Department of State and U.N.

Commission on Human Rights to investigate the treatment of the refugees, support their designation as political refugees, and grant them political asylum. The City Clerk is directed to forward a copy of this Resolution to U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry and U.N. Secretary General Ban Ki-moon.

Section 3. Grievances. Grievances concerning the mistreatment of the Cuban refugees by the government of the Bahamas may be directed to:

Mr. Freddie Tucker
Permanent Representative
Permanent Mission of The Bahamas to the Organization of American States
Telephone: (202) 319-2660/7
E-mail: bahemb@aol.com

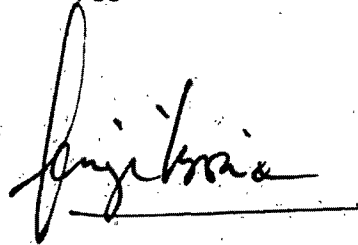
United Nations
Her Excellency Dr. Paulette Bethel, AMBASSADOR
Permanent Representative
The Bahamas Permanent Mission to the United Nations
Telephone: (212) 421-6925
E-mail mission@bahamasny.com

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

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

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

PASSED and ADOPTED this 25th day of June, 2013.

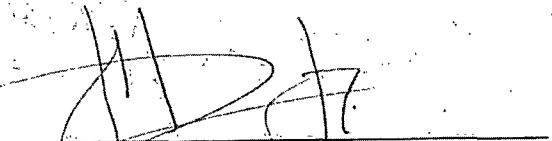


LUIGI BORIA, MAYOR

ATTEST:


BARBARA HERRERA, CITY CLERK

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