

RESOLUTION NO. 21-08-69

A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE COUNCIL OF ISLAMORADA, VILLAGE OF ISLANDS, FLORIDA, EXPRESSING SUPPORT OF THE CUBAN PEOPLE AND PEACEFUL PROTESTS FOR DEMOCRACY AND LIBERTY IN CUBA; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, one of the basic rights of freedom and democracy is to be able to express government redress in a peaceful manner without fear of retaliation or harm; and

WHEREAS, the people of Cuba continue to be oppressed by the Cuban dictatorship and retaliated against for expressing their desire for freedom; and

WHEREAS, a historic period of protests is occurring in Cuba, whereby Cubans are protesting courageously in demanding democracy, liberty, economic security and access to COVID-19 vaccinations; and

WHEREAS, at the center of these protests is the will of Cubans to chart their own destiny through democracy and free elections; and

WHEREAS, the systemic and continued repression of the Cuban people has resulted in a nation where everyday Cubans are not in charge of their own destiny and future; and

WHEREAS, liberty in Cuba is defined as not only economic liberty, but also by civil liberties, including the right to vote, liberty of conscience and the right to self-determination.

WHEREAS, these civil liberties are the right of every person, including Cubans; and

WHEREAS, if free and democratic elections are not held in Cuba, the welfare of the Cuban people will continue to be structurally burdened and protests will continue; and

WHEREAS, due in part to the proximity of Cuba, several residents of Islamorada, Village of Islands (the "Village") were born In Cuba or are descendants of Cubans; and

WHEREAS, the Village is a community that values our best aspirational American values of liberty, tolerance and freedom, the same ideas and values that Cubans are protesting for today; and

WHEREAS, even though the conduct of foreign policy is the responsibility of the Federal government, the Village Council of Islamorada, Village of Islands desires to express its support for the civil liberties and freedom of the Cuban people.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE VILLAGE COUNCIL OF ISLAMORADA, VILLAGE OF ISLANDS, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Recitals. The above recitals are true and correct and incorporated into this Resolution by this reference.

Section 2. Expressing Support for the Cuban People. The Village Council of Islamorada, Village of Islands, hereby expresses its support for the peaceful protests for democracy and liberty in Cuba and urges our Federal government officials, to take any additional foreign policy actions which will support freedom and democracy for the people of Cuba.

Section 3. Authorization of Village Officials. The Village Manager is hereby authorized to take all necessary and expedient action to effectuate the intent of this Resolution.

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

Motion to adopt by Councilman Mark Gregg, second by Councilman David Webb.

FINAL VOTE AT ADOPTION

VILLAGE COUNCIL OF ISLAMORADA, VILLAGE OF ISLANDS

Mayor Joseph B. Pinder III	ABSENT
Vice Mayor Pete Bacheler	YES
Councilman Mark Gregg	YES
Councilman Henry Rosenthal	YES
Councilman David Webb	YES

PASSED AND ADOPTED ON THIS 19th DAY OF AUGUST 2021.



PETER BACHELER, VICE MAYOR

ATTEST:



KELLY TOTH, VILLAGE CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY
FOR THE USE AND BENEFIT OF ISLAMORADA,
VILLAGE OF ISLANDS ONLY



ROGET V. BRYAN, VILLAGE ATTORNEY