

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF KEY WEST, FLORIDA, EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE CITIZENS OF CUBA AND THEIR STRUGGLE FOR FREEDOM, DEMOCRACY, AND BASIC HUMAN RIGHTS; CALLING UPON THE GOVERNMENT OF CUBA TO CEASE REPRESSION, RELEASE ALL POLITICAL PRISONERS, AND RESPECT THE FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS OF ALL CUBAN PEOPLE; CALLING UPON THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT TO CONTINUE ITS SUPPORT FOR CUBAN ASPIRATIONS FOR FREEDOM AND DEMOCRACY; DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK TO TRANSMIT COPIES TO THE PRESIDENT AND CONCERNED ELECTED OFFICIALS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, the City of Key West and the island of Cuba have been geographically and culturally connected for centuries; and

WHEREAS, for over 60 years, the Cuban people have suffered under a dictatorial regime that has systematically denied the people basic rights and freedoms; and

WHEREAS, there have been large demonstrations by Cuban citizens in their country, and by their supporters on our city streets and around the world, calling for an end to decades of repression and economic suffering; and

WHEREAS, a significant number of Key West's residents are either Cuban migrants or descendants of migrants who fled the Cuban communist regime; and

WHEREAS, the Cuban government has continuously repressed communications and pleas for help from its citizenry, with authorities blocking social media sites in an effort to stop the flow of information into, out of, and within Cuba; and

WHEREAS, in recent years, Cuba has experienced severe shortages of food, fuel, and medicine, which have become increasingly more serious and have caused widespread suffering among the Cuban people; and

WHEREAS, the Cuban people have courageously and peacefully demanded their fundamental rights, including freedom of speech, freedom of assembly, and the right to choose their own government; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission of the City of Key West wishes to stand in solidarity with the Cuban people in their courageous struggle for freedom and democracy;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITYCOMMISSION OF THE CITY OF KEY WEST, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1: That the City Commission acknowledges the pain and suffering of the Cuban people and expresses its strong support for the citizens of Cuba in their courageous struggle for freedom, democracy, and basic human rights.

Section 2: That the City Commission calls upon the government of Cuba to immediately cease its repression and violence against its own citizens, to release all political prisoners, and to respect the fundamental rights and freedoms of all Cuban people.

Section 3: That the City Commission calls upon the United States government to continue its support for the Cuban people's aspirations for freedom, democracy, and human rights.

Section 4: That the City Clerk is hereby authorized to transmit certified copies of this Resolution to President Donald J. Trump, U.S. Senators Rick Scott and Ashley Moody, U.S. Representative Carlos Giménez, Florida State Senator Ana María Rodríguez, Florida State Representative Jim Mooney, the Florida Governor's Office, and other concerned officials within the government of the United States.

Section 5: That this Resolution shall go into effect immediately upon its passage and adoption and authentication by the signature of the Presiding Officer and the Clerk of the Commission.

Passed and adopted by the City Commission at a meeting held this _____ day of _____, 2026.

Authenticated by the Presiding Officer and Clerk of the Commission on _____ day of _____, 2026.

Filed with the Clerk on _____, 2026.

Mayor Danise Henriquez	_____
Vice Mayor Donald "Donie" Lee	_____
Commissioner Lissette Carey	_____
Commissioner Aaron Castillo	_____
Commissioner Monica Haskell	_____
Commissioner Sam Kaufman	_____
Commissioner Greg Veliz	_____

DANISE HENRIQUEZ, MAYOR

ATTEST:

KERI O'BRIEN, CITY CLERK