

**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**

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| 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 S. Toth  
KELLY TOTH, VILLAGE CLERK

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



Roger V. Bryan  
ROGET V. BRYAN, VILLAGE ATTORNEY