

Approved

RESOLUTION 2015-108

A RESOLUTION URGING THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC TO RELAX IMMIGRATION RESTRICTIONS AND EXPULSION REQUIREMENTS IN FAVOR OF ITS HAITIAN-DESCENDANT CITIZENRY; PROVIDING FOR INSTRUCTIONS TO THE CITY CLERK; PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, in September of 2013, the Dominican Constitutional Court rendered an order effectively and summarily revoking basic rights of mostly Dominicans of Haitian descent, and

WHEREAS, the ruling of the Dominican Constitutional Court effectively means the expulsion of as many as two hundred thousand (200,000) people, and

WHEREAS, of those most critically affected are persons born and raised in the Dominican Republic who have little to no relations with the Haitian community and are persons who do not speak Creole, creating a language barrier to assimilation in the Haitian community, and

WHEREAS, the current actions of the Dominican Republic are highly questionable under international laws and the Country's own Constitution, and

WHEREAS, more importantly, such action is disrespectful to fundamental human and political rights, and

Whereas, the City of Lauderdale Lakes, Broward County, Florida, U.S.A., has a well-based Haitian residential community, and

WHEREAS, the City of Lauderdale Lakes has a substantial population, the members of which are from the Caribbean area, and

WHEREAS the general population of the City of Lauderdale Lakes condemns suppression of human and political rights and values,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERDALE LAKES AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS: The foregoing Whereas paragraphs are hereby ratified and confirmed as being true, and the same are hereby made a specific part of this Resolution.

Section 2. URGENT REQUEST: The City Commission of the City of Lauderdale Lakes, Broward County, Florida, U.S.A., hereby implores the government of the Dominican Republic and, particularly, President Danilo Medina to relax immigration restrictions and expulsion requirements in favor of its Haitian-Descendant citizenry and to embrace its Haitian descendant community.

Section 3: INSTRUCTIONS TO CITY CLERK, The City Clerk is hereby authorized and direct to send true copies of this Resolution to President Barack Obama, President of the United States of America, Joseph Biden, President of the Senate, John Boehner, Speaker of the House, John Kerry, Secretary of State, each of the several towns, villages and municipalities of Broward County and the Florida League of Cities.

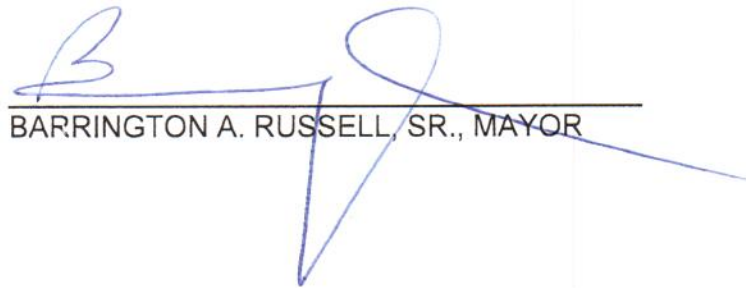
Section 4. EFFECTIVE DATE: This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its final passage.


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ADOPTED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERDALE LAKES AT ITS REGULAR MEETING HELD SEPTEMBER 8, 2015.



ATTEST:


BARRINGTON A. RUSSELL, SR., MAYOR


SHARON HOUSLIN, CITY CLERK
JCB:ja
Sponsored by: VICE-MAYOR BEVERLY WILLIAMS

VOTE:

Vice-Mayor Beverly Williams	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	(For)	<input type="checkbox"/>	(Against)	<input type="checkbox"/>	(Other)
Commissioner Edwina Coleman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	(For)	<input type="checkbox"/>	(Against)	<input type="checkbox"/>	(Other)
Commissioner Gloria Lewis	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	(For)	<input type="checkbox"/>	(Against)	<input type="checkbox"/>	(Other)
Commissioner Eileen Rathery	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	(For)	<input type="checkbox"/>	(Against)	<input type="checkbox"/>	(Other)
Commissioner Patricia Williams	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	(For)	<input type="checkbox"/>	(Against)	<input type="checkbox"/>	(Other)