

RESOLUTION NO. 2025 - _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, URGING THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO FIND A PERMANENT SOLUTION FOR LAW-ABIDING VENEZUELAN REFUGED IN MIAMI BEACH AND ELSEWHERE IN THE UNITED STATES, ENSURING THEIR SAFETY, SECURITY, AND ABILITY TO CONTINUE CONTRIBUTING TO THEIR COMMUNITIES, AND FURTHER, DIRECTING THE CLERK TO TRANSMIT A COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION TO CALEB VITELLO, ACTING DIRECTOR OF IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOMS ENFORCEMENT (ICE), SENATOR ASHLEY MOODY, SENATOR RICK SCOTT AND CONGRESSWOMAN MARIA ELVIRA SALAZAR.

WHEREAS, the City of Miami Beach is home to a significant Venezuelan community that has contributed to the economic and cultural vibrancy of the City; and

WHEREAS, the Venezuelan people have been central to the economic growth and diversity of Miami Beach, with many Venezuelan immigrants establishing businesses, enriching the cultural fabric of the community, and playing a key role in the City's development; and

WHEREAS, the Venezuelan people have fled their native country to escape the brutal and oppressive regime led by Nicolás Maduro, seeking refuge in the United States to protect themselves and their families from persecution, political imprisonment, torture, and death; and

WHEREAS, law-abiding Venezuelans have embraced the values of family, freedom, and democracy, and seek to continue contributing to the American way of life by providing for their families and supporting the community; and

WHEREAS, the end of Temporary Protected Status (TPS) for Venezuelan immigrants may result in the mass deportation of Venezuelans, placing them at grave risk of being sent back to a regime that has committed atrocities against its own citizens; and

WHEREAS, the City of Miami Beach Mayor and Commission strongly support the protection of Venezuelan immigrants who have made Miami Beach their home and have become valued members of the community; and

WHEREAS, the City of Miami Beach calls upon the federal government to find a permanent legal solution that will allow Venezuelans who have sought refuge in the United States to continue living and working without fear of deportation, while contributing to the betterment of American society.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, that the Mayor and City Commission hereby urge the federal government to find a permanent solution for law-abiding Venezuelans who have sought refuge in Miami Beach and across the United States, ensuring their safety, security, and ability to continue contributing to their communities, and further, direct the City Clerk to transmit a copy of this Resolution to Caleb Vitello, Acting Director of Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), Senator Ashley Moody, Senator Rick Scott and Congresswoman Maria Elvira Salazar.

PASSED and ADOPTED this ____ day of _____, 2025.


ATTEST:

Steven Meiner, Mayor

Rafael E. Granado, City Clerk

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FORM & LANGUAGE
& FOR EXECUTION



City Attorney

2/19/2025

Date