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**Exhibit 1**  
**RESOLUTION NO. 2020-**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF HALLANDALE BEACH, FLORIDA, HEREBY STANDS IN SOLIDARITY WITH APPROXIMATELY 325 BELARUSIAN CITY OF HALLANDALE BEACH RESIDENTS, CALLING FOR A FREE, FAIR AND TRANSPARENT PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION IN BELARUS TAKING PLACE ON AUGUST 9, 2020, INCLUDING THE UNIMPEDED PARTICIPATION OF ALL PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Hallandale Beach (the "City"), its Mayor and City Commission, stand in solidarity with the people of Belarus, including human rights defenders, bloggers and journalists, who are exercising their right to freedom of assembly, freedom of expression, and rule of law; and

**WHEREAS**, the City offers its formal support of its approximately 325 Belarusian residents and condemns the crackdown on and arbitrary arrests of peaceful protesters, opposition party members, human rights activists, and independent media by authorities in Belarus; and

**WHEREAS**, the presidential elections in Belarus have been neither free nor fair and have been rejected by the international community as not meeting minimal electoral standards; and

**WHEREAS**, long-term president Alyaksandr Lukashenko has ruled Belarus as an undemocratic dictatorship since the first presidential election in Belarus in 1994 and is running for a sixth term in office; and

**WHEREAS**, Belarus abolished presidential term limits in a referendum in 2004, and Lukashenko affirmed in November 2019 that he plans to run again in 2025; and

**WHEREAS**, in the most recent 2010 and 2015 presidential elections, Lukashenko arbitrarily disqualified or jailed key opponents ahead of and after the elections; and

**WHEREAS**, according to the Department of State 2019 Country Report on Human Rights Practices for Belarus, Lukashenko has consolidated his rule over all institutions since his first term as president and undermined the rule of law through authoritarian means, including manipulated

37 elections and arbitrary decrees, such that all subsequent presidential elections fell well short of  
38 international standards; and

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40 **WHEREAS**, the law of Belarus provides citizens the ability to choose their government in  
41 free and fair periodic elections held by secret ballot and based on universal and equal suffrage,  
42 but the Government of Belarus has consistently denied citizens that ability; and

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44 **WHEREAS**, authorities in Belarus routinely impede the activities and legal status of  
45 opposition political parties by refusing to register them, while allowing approximately 6 largely  
46 inactive but officially registered pro-Lukashenko political parties to operate freely; and

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48 **WHEREAS**, the Central Election Commission of Belarus (CVK) disqualified the majority  
49 of potential candidates from the upcoming August 9, 2020, presidential election for politically  
50 motivated purposes; and

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52 **WHEREAS**, on May 6, 2020, popular blogger Syarhey Tsikhanouski was arrested and  
53 jailed for 15 days prior to a rally he had planned for May 9, 2020, to challenge the decision by  
54 Lukashenko to hold a Victory Day military parade despite the coronavirus pandemic; and

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56 **WHEREAS**, between May 6 and June 16, 2020, courts in Belarus convicted 97 individuals  
57 as part of a new wave of political persecution for “illegal protesting” and sentenced those  
58 individuals to various terms of detention for a total of 1,246 days, while 105 individuals were fined  
59 a total of 90,000 rubles, approximately 40,000 United States dollars; and

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61 **WHEREAS**, Statkevich was subsequently sentenced on June 1, 2020, to 15 days in jail  
62 for taking part in an “unauthorized” opposition event in Minsk to collect signatures for his  
63 candidacy, was sentenced to another 15 days on June 15, 2020, and still remains incarcerated  
64 as of July 27, 2020; and

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66 **WHEREAS**, on May 31, 2020, Belarusian human rights group Viasna (Spring) reported  
67 that 50 opposition activists were arrested by police while they were gathering signatures to allow  
68 opponents to participate in the presidential election; and

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ATTEST:

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JENORGEN M. GUILLEN, CMC  
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL SUFFICIENCY  
AND FORM

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JENNIFER MERINO  
CITY ATTORNEY

**FINAL VOTE ON ADOPTION**

Mayor Cooper \_\_\_\_\_  
Vice Mayor Javellana \_\_\_\_\_  
Commissioner Butler \_\_\_\_\_  
Commissioner Lazarow \_\_\_\_\_  
Commissioner Lima-Taub \_\_\_\_\_

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