

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-011

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION
OF THE CITY OF HALLANDALE BEACH, FLORIDA,
DENOUNCING THE HUMANITARIAN CRISIS UNDER
VENEZUELA'S DICTATOR NICOLAS MADURO;
RECOGNIZING THE NEW INTERIM PRESIDENT JUAN
GUAIDO; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

WHEREAS, the City of Hallandale Beach seeks to stand in solidarity with the people of Venezuela, both locally and abroad;

WHEREAS, Venezuela's once robust economy, ranked 4th in the world, as well as the country's growing democracy and middle class, have declined to a failed state, now one of the lowest ranked global economies, under the leadership of Hugo Chavez, an ardent socialist, followed by his successor, dictator Nicolas Maduro; and

WHEREAS, Venezuela has been subjected to an unprecedented man-made humanitarian crisis, including extreme food and medicine shortages, resulting in thousands of children dying of malnutrition, and malnourished people contracting formerly eradicated diseases. Many Venezuelans are not able to afford basic needs such as food and toiletries. In fact, in 2018 it is estimated that the average Venezuelan resident lost up to 24 pounds; and

WHEREAS, Freedom of press has been censored, and crime has increased substantially. To add insult to injury - Maduro has forged allegiances with countries backing terrorist groups; and

WHEREAS, the recent 2019 Venezuelan presidential election, marred by boycotts, fraud and credible claims of vote-rigging, forced Juan Guaido, citing his constitutional duty as, the elected leader of Venezuela's National Assembly, to take the reins of the troubled country on January 23. Interim President Guaido has been recognized as the legitimate leader of Venezuela by the United States, Canada, Israel, Brazil and many other countries around the world; and

WHEREAS, Maduro has refused to step down causing more economic destabilization in Venezuela; and

WHEREAS, it is clear that Venezuelans want a change, and that hope needs to be restored in the country; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Commission wish to recognize Interim President Juan Guaido and denounce the humanitarian crisis being created by Nicolas Maduro.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF HALLANDALE BEACH, FLORIDA:

SECTION 1. Recitals Adopted. That each of the above recitals are hereby incorporated herein.

SECTION 2. The Mayor and City Commission hereby recognize Interim President Juan Guaido and denounce the humanitarian crisis being created by Nicolas Maduro.

SECTION 3. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 6th day of February, 2019.

JOY D. ADAMS
MAYOR

SPONSORED BY: COMMISSIONER ANABELLE LIMA-TAUB

ATTEST:

JENORGEN GUILLEN, CMC
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL SUFFICIENCY AND
FORM

JENNIFER MERINO
CITY ATTORNEY

FINAL VOTE ON ADOPTION

Mayor Adams	<u>Yes</u>
Vice Mayor Javellana	<u>No</u>
Commissioner Butler	<u>Yes</u>
Commissioner Lazarow	<u>Yes</u>
Commissioner Lima- Taub	<u>Yes</u>