



RESOLUTION # 2024-91

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WEST MIAMI ENDORSING AND JOINING IN SUPPORT OF FLORIDA'S ANNUAL VICTIMS OF COMMUNISM DAY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the State of Florida and many other States have declared November 7th of each year to be "Victims of Communism Day", honoring the millions of people who have died or suffered loss of their freedom under communism; and

WHEREAS, nations such as Cuba, China, the former Soviet Union, North Korea, and Venezuela have seen generations of families torn apart and millions of individuals subjected to persecution, forced labor, and economic oppression under communist rule; and

WHEREAS, the City of West Miami recognizes the struggles faced by individuals who have fled these regimes in search of freedom and democracy, including those who sought refuge from communist oppression in Cuba and other countries, and acknowledges the contributions these communities have made in preserving the values of liberty; and

WHEREAS, November 7, 1917, is the day on which the Bolsheviks seized power in Russia, beginning the tragic legacy of death and suppression which is the common characteristic of communist regimes;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WEST MIAMI, FLORIDA:

Section 1. The above-stated "whereas" clauses are ratified and confirmed as being true and correct and are incorporated into this Resolution.

Section 2. The City of West Miami endorses and joins in supporting the designation of November 7th of each year to be "Victims of Communism Day".

Section 3. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage and adoption by the City Commission and signature by the Mayor.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 20th day of November 2024.

APPROVED:

ERIC DIAZ-PADRON, MAYOR

ATTEST:

ANNERY GONZALEZ, MMC
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND SUFFICIENCY:

DEXTER W. LEHTINEN
CITY ATTORNEY

ROLL CALL VOTE:

This Resolution was offered by Commissioner Suarez, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Vice-Mayor Milian Orbis. The vote was as follows:

MAYOR ERIC DIAZ-PADRON	<u>Y</u>
VICE -MAYOR NATALIE MILIAN ORBIS	<u>Y</u>
COMMISSIONER JUAN M. BLANES	<u>ABSENT</u>
COMMISSIONER IVAN CHAVEZ, JR.	<u>ABSENT</u>
COMMISSIONER LUCIANO L. SUAREZ	<u>Y</u>