RESOLUTION C-2107

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MEDLEY, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING H.R. 4048, THE "VENEZUELAN ADJUSTMENT ACT," OR SIMILAR LEGISLATION THAT WOULD AUTHORIZE THE SECRETARY OF HOMELAND SECURITY TO ADJUST THE STATUS OF CERTAIN VENEZUELAN NATIONALS TO LAWFULLY ADMITTED PERMANENT RESIDENTS; PROVIDING FOR IMPLEMENTATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, the Venezuelan-American community bestows a significant contribution to the cultural, economic, and social fabric of Miami-Dade County; and

WHEREAS, the Venezuelan diaspora is a vibrant community that has enriched the Town's culture and diversity and has played a substantial role in shaping the development of the Town through their many contributions to various industries, including business, media, technology, gastronomy, education, service, and sports; and

WHEREAS, on June 13, 2023, a bipartisan group of members of the U.S. House of Representatives introduced H.R. 4048, which authorizes the Secretary of Homeland Security to adjust the status of certain aliens who are nationals of Venezuela to that of aliens lawfully admitted for permanent residence, and for other purposes ("Venezuelan Adjustment Act"), and would provide a pathway to lawful permanent resident status to eligible Venezuelans; and

WHEREAS, the Town seeks to express its support for the Venezuelan community by supporting the "Venezuelan Adjustment Act" which would allow Venezuelan immigrants to integrate into society more fully, and increase their contributions to our community and economy.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MEDLEY, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Recitals. The above recitals are true and correct and incorporated herein.

Section 2. Support of H.R. 4048. The Town Council supports the "Venezuelan Adjustment Act," or similar legislation that would authorize the Secretary of Homeland Security to adjust the status of certain Venezuelan nationals to lawfully admitted permanent residents.

Section 3. Transmittal. The Town Clerk for the Town of Medley is hereby directed to transmit certified copies of this resolution to U.S. Representatives Darren Soto (sponsor), Debbie Wasserman Shultz (co-sponsor), Frederica Wilson (co-sponsor), Maria Elvira Salazar (co-sponsor), Mario Diaz-Balart, and the remaining South Florida members of the U.S. House of Representatives.

Section 4. Effective Date. This Resolution shall be effective immediately upon adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 26th day of July 2023.

ATTEST:

RØBERTØ MARTELL, MAYOR

VICTORIA MARTINEZ, FRP, CMC, TOWN CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

MICHAEL A. PIZZI, JR., TOWN ATTORNEY

SUMMARY OF VOTE

Mayor Roberto Martell

Vice-Mayor Edgar Ayala

Councilperson Ivan Pacheco

Councilwoman Karina Pacheco

Councilperson Lizelh Rodriguez