The national campaign to encourage local resolutions by municipalities began in 2016 with Richmond, Berkeley, and Oakland in the San Francisco Bay Area and then the Town of Brookline, Massachusetts, in the Boston area. It grew over the next three years to include nine more. In 2017: Sacramento, Hartford, and Helena; in 2018: Minneapolis and Pittsburgh; in 2019: St. Paul, Detroit, Seattle, and Meridian Township, Michigan. This document is a compilation of the basic resolutions for each municipality. For additional information, see july26.org/local-resolutions —

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RESOLUTION NO. 23-16

RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND, CALIFORNIA CALLING FOR AN END TO THE UNITED STATES’ ECONOMIC, COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL EMBARGO AGAINST CUBA

WHEREAS, in 1960, the United States government imposed an economic, commercial and financial embargo against Cuba; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. embargo against Cuba continues to inflict hardship on the men, women and children of Cuba by creating shortages of food, medicines and financial and trade opportunities; and

WHEREAS, on December 17, 2014, U.S. President Barack Obama and Cuban President Raul Castro announced a new era of relations between the two countries and agreed to re-establish diplomatic relations; and

WHEREAS, Cuba and the United States re-opened their respective embassies in 2015; and

WHEREAS, despite a few changes made by President Obama the U.S. embargo continues to be in place; and

WHEREAS the 1996 Helms Burton Act extended the territorial application of the initial embargo to apply to foreign companies trading with Cuba; and

WHEREAS, 191 countries voted at the United Nations General Assembly in October 2015 in favor of lifting the U.S. embargo against Cuba, with only two countries — the United States and Israel — opposed; and

WHEREAS, the majority of the people of the United States believe this embargo is ineffective, inhumane and in violation of U.S. laws and international conventions; and

WHEREAS, in November 2015 the Mayor of Richmond Tom Butt and Councilmember Gayle McLaughlin issued and presented a proclamation to welcome Ms. Kenia Serrano, President of the Cuban Institute of Friendship with the Peoples, who emphasized that Cuba’s number one priority is the end of the US Embargo; and

WHEREAS, the embargo denies United States citizens access to Cuban medical technology such as the diabetes drug Heberpot-P, vaccines for meningitis B and hepatitis B, monoclonal antibodies for kidney transplants, as well as the only therapeutic vaccine in the world against advanced lung cancer, called CIMAVAX-EGF; and

WHEREAS since 1999 the city of Richmond has had a Sister City relationship with the City of Regla in Cuba;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Richmond hereby calls for an immediate end to the United States’ economic, commercial and financial embargo against Cuba.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Richmond supports the following Bills in Congress: 1) the Freedom to Travel to Cuba Act of 2015 (HR664), introduced by Rep. Mark Sanford (R-SC 1st) and Rep. James McGovern (D-MA 2nd), 2) The Cuba Trade Act of 2015 (HR3238), introduced by Rep. Tom Emmer (R-MN 6th) and Rep. Kathy Castor (D-FL 14th), and strongly encourages Representative Mark DeSaulnier to join the list of co-sponsors of both bills; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Richmond supports the following Bills in the Senate: 1) The Freedom to Travel to Cuba Act of 2015 (S299), introduced by Senator Jeff Flake (R-AZ) and Senator Patrick Leahy (D-VT), language of which is identical to HR664, 2) The Freedom to Export to Cuba Act (S491), introduced by Senator
Amy Klobuchar (D-MN), and strongly encourages Senators Barbara Boxer and Dianne Feinstein to join the list of co-sponsors of both bills; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Richmond directs the City Manager to send copies of this resolution to Representative DeSaulnier and Senators Boxer and Feinstein.

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I certify that the foregoing resolution was passed and adopted by the Council of the City of Richmond at a regular meeting thereof held March 1, 2016, by the following vote:

AYES:        Councilmembers Bates, Beckles, McLaughlin, Myrick, Vice Mayor Martinez, and Mayor Butt.
NOES:        None.
ABSTENTIONS: Councilmember Pimlé.
ABSENT:      None.

PAMELA CHRISTIAN
CLERK OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND
(SEAL)

Approved:

TOM BUTT
Mayor

Approved as to form:

BRUCE GOODMILLER
City Attorney

State of California}
County of Contra Costa : ss.
City of Richmond}

I certify that the foregoing is a true copy of Resolution No. 23-16, finally passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Richmond at a regular meeting held on March 1, 2016.

Pamela Christian, Clerk of the City of Richmond

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ANNOTATED AGENDA
BERKELEY CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday, May 10, 2016
7:00 P.M.
School District Board Room - 1231 Addison St., Berkeley, CA (ADA Accessible Entrance)
Please enter at 1222 University Avenue

TOM BATES, MAYOR
Councilmembers:

DISTRICT 1 – LINDA MAIO
DISTRICT 2 – DARYL MOORE
DISTRICT 3 – MAX ANDERSON
DISTRICT 4 – JESSE ARREGUIN
DISTRICT 5 – LAURIE CAPITELLI
DISTRICT 6 – SUSAN WENGRAF
DISTRICT 7 – KRIS WORTHINGTON
DISTRICT 8 – LORI DROSTE

Preliminary Matters

Roll Call: 7:04 p.m.


Absent: None.

Ceremonial Matters:

1. Recognition of National Historic Preservation Month
2. Recognition of East Bay Affordable Housing Week
3. Recognition of the Berkeley High School Boys Basketball Championship Team

City Manager Comments:

1. Memorial for Paul Church on May 22 at the Ed Roberts Campus from 2-5pm
2. Community Choice Energy Workshop on May 14 at the Central Library from 10am – 1pm

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Matters: 4 speakers.
Public Comment on Consent Calendar and Information Items Only: 7 speakers.

Consent Calendar

Action: M/S/C (Bates/Moore) to adopt the Consent Calendar in one motion except as indicated.
Vote: All Ayes.
Consent Calendar

15. Amending BMC Sections 23E.32.010, 23E.68.080, and 23E.28.070 to modify Off-Street Loading Spaces, Bicycle Parking Requirements, and the C-DMU
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt first reading of an Ordinance amending Berkeley Municipal Code Sections 23E.32.010, 23E.68.080, and 23E.28.070 to allow for exceptions to the Off-Street Loading Spaces and Bicycle Parking requirements.
Financial Implications: None
Contact: Carol Johnson, Planning and Development, 981-7400

16. Agreements for the Design of Urban Microgrids
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to accept funding, enter grant agreements, and award contracts to design clean energy urban microgrids pursuant to a grant award from the California Energy Commission, including: 1. Enter a grant agreement with the California Energy Commission to accept funding of approximately $1,500,000; and 2. Award contracts to URS Corporation in the amount of $613,000; to Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory in the amount of $415,000; to the Association of Bay Area Governments in the amount of $50,000; to the Center for Sustainable Energy in the amount of $50,000; and to NHA Advisors, LLC in the amount of $7,500, to assist in the design of a Berkeley clean energy microgrid system; and 3. Amend existing contracts with Interface Engineering, Inc. to increase the amount by $30,000; and with West Coast Code Consultants to increase the amount by $10,000, to assist in the design of a Berkeley clean energy microgrid system.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Carol Johnson, Planning and Development, 981-7400
Action: Adopted Resolution No. 67,469–N.S.

Council Consent Items

17. Support of Legislative Efforts to End the Embargo against Cuba
From: Mayor Bates, and Councilmembers Capitelli and Worthington
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution supporting the legislative efforts to end the embargo against Cuba and encouraging Berkeley’s Congressional and Senate representatives to end the Cuban embargo and support other ongoing efforts to increase exchange between our two nations. Copies of the resolution are to be sent to Congresswoman Barbara Lee and Senators Barbara Boxer and Dianne Feinstein.
Financial Implications: None
Contact: Tom Bates, Mayor, 981-7100
Action: Councilmember Anderson added as a co-sponsor. Adopted Resolution No. 67,470–N.S.
OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

Resolution No. 86187 C.M.S.

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBERS REBECCA KAPLAN and ABEL GUILLEN

RESOLUTION URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO END THE TRADE EMBARGO ON CUBA

WHEREAS, in 1962, the United States government imposed an economic, commercial and financial embargo on Cuba; and

WHEREAS, on April 11, 2015, Presidents Barack Obama and Raúl Castro shook hands for the first time at the Summit of the Americas in Panama, signaling a shift in diplomatic relations since the two countries severed their ties decades ago; and

WHEREAS, in March 2016, President Obama was the first sitting U.S. President to visit the island of Cuba in over eighty years; and

WHEREAS, on July 20, 2015 diplomatic relations were officially restored between the U.S. and Cuba and a new era of relations between the two countries were re-established when both re-opened their respective embassies; and

WHEREAS, remittance and travel restrictions for U.S. citizens have been eased; and

WHEREAS, the embargo harms the citizens of Cuba who suffer as a result of the policy, not the government; and

WHEREAS, we are in the 21st century and the U.S. embargo against Cuba is a policy of the Cold War era that has not achieved its goal; and

WHEREAS, free trade, exchanges, travel, and business opportunities between the two nations would be a far more effective policy; and

WHEREAS, the embargo has inhibits the exchange of ideas, medicine, culture, the development of sports relations, investment opportunities; and

WHEREAS, Cuba is one of the world’s developing countries, the embargo has had a tremendously crippling affect and has adversely impacted Cuba’s development as a nation; and
WHEREAS, the embargo denies citizens of both Cuba and the United States access to each respective country's medical technology and advancements and denies the exchange of vital medicines and equipment that could lead to improved health for the people of both nations; and

WHEREAS, Cuba has been a friendly international neighbor by exporting and doctors and medicines to other developing nations to combat diseases like Ebola and other international epidemics plaguing some of the most impoverished nations on the planet; and

WHEREAS, Cuba poses no threat to the United States; and

WHEREAS, the 1996 Helms Burton Act extended the territorial application of the initial embargo to apply to foreign companies trading with Cuba; and

WHEREAS, the embargo continues to inflict hardship on the men, women and children of Cuba by creating shortages of food and medicines and impedes financial and trade opportunities with global partners; and

WHEREAS, 181 countries voted at the United Nations General Assembly in October 2015 in favor of lifting the U.S. embargo against Cuba, with only two countries — the United States and Israel — opposed; and

WHEREAS, for 24 consecutive years, since 1992, the UN General Assembly has passed a resolution condemning the impacts of the embargo and proclaiming that the embargo is a violation of the United Nations Charter and contrary to international law; and

WHEREAS, many believe the embargo has a negative effect on the international opinion and the reputation of the U.S.; and

WHEREAS, many people of the United States and in the world believe this embargo is ineffective, inhumane and is in violation of U.S. laws and international conventions; and

WHEREAS, human rights groups including Amnesty International, Human Rights Watch, and the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights have all been extremely critical of the embargo; and

WHEREAS, it has been estimated that the embargo has cost the U.S. over $1 billion dollars in lost sales of commercial exports to the island and allows other countries to take in the market shares from the U.S. industry; and

WHEREAS, ending the embargo will create jobs in the U.S. and will create new economic opportunities with the export of technology, food, medicine, and other goods; and
WHEREAS, the embargo is antithetical to the American ideas of security, sovereignty, free trade and markets, and one of the countries most sacred documents, namely, the Declaration of Independence, which endows all men with certain unalienable rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness; now, therefore, be it


IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES - BROOKS, GALLO, GUILLÉN, KALB, KAPLAN, REID AND PRESIDENT GIBSON MCELHANEY — 7

NOES — 0

ABSENT — 0

ABSTENTION — 0

Excused - Campbell

Washington - 1

MAY 17 2016

ATTEST: LATONDA SIMMONS
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council of the City of Oakland, California
Brookline, MA Calls for The End of the Embargo Against Cuba

On Tuesday, May 31, 2016, at the third and final session of the Brookline, MA, Annual Town Meeting, the following resolution was adopted, on the unanimous recommendation of the Board of Selectmen and concurring large majority of the Advisory Committee, by an overwhelming vote of more than 95% in favor:

VOTED: That the Town adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, in 1960, the United States government imposed an economic, commercial and financial blockade against Cuba; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. embargo against Cuba — what the Cubans call el bloqueo, “the blockade” — continues to inflict hardship on the men, women and children of Cuba by creating shortages of food, medicines and financial and trade opportunities; and

WHEREAS the 1996 Helms-Burton Act extended the territorial application of the initial embargo to apply to foreign companies trading with Cuba; and

WHEREAS, on December 17, 2014, U.S. President Barack Obama and Cuban President Raul Castro announced a new era of relations and agreed to re-establish diplomatic relations; and

WHEREAS, Cuba and the United States re-opened their respective embassies in 2015; and

WHEREAS, despite the changes made by President Obama the embargo continues to be in place; and

WHEREAS, 191 countries voted at the United Nations General Assembly in October 2015 in favor of lifting the U.S. blockade against Cuba, with only two countries — the U.S. and Israel — opposed; and

WHEREAS the majority of the people of the United States believe this embargo is ineffective; and

WHEREAS the blockade denies U.S. citizens access to Cuban medical technology such as the diabetes drug Heberpot-P, vaccines for meningitis B and hepatitis B, monoclonal antibodies for kidney transplants, as well as the only therapeutic vaccine in the world against advanced lung cancer, CIMAVAX-EGF;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Brookline Town Meeting calls for an immediate end to the United States’ economic, commercial and financial embargo against Cuba; and strongly encourages Representative Joseph P. Kennedy III to support measures that achieves these goals.

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More at https://peterbmiller.wordpress.com/brooklinetmdetail/ —
International Committee
for Peace, Justice and Dignity

Brookline, MA Calls for the End of the Embargo Against Cuba

On Tuesday, May 31, 2016, at the third and final session of the Brookline, MA, Annual Town Meeting a resolution asking for the end of the US embargo against Cuba was adopted on the unanimous recommendation of the Board of Selectmen and a concurring Advisory Committee who voted an overwhelming 95% in favor. “The Brookline Town Meeting calls for an immediate end to the United States’ economic, commercial and financial embargo against Cuba; and strongly encourages Representative Joseph P. Kennedy III to support measures that achieve these goals.”

This is the first resolution of its kind adopted on the East Coast. The campaign initiated on the West Coast by the International Committee for Peace, Justice and Dignity, along with local activists, recently achieved the passage of three similar resolutions in the San Francisco Bay Area. All four resolutions represent the sentiment of public opinion in the United States that calls for a change of U.S. policy towards Cuba.

Brookline, Massachusetts, is an independent town of almost 60,000, surrounded on three sides by Boston and to the west by the city of Newton, governed by an elected town meeting and a five-person Board of Selectmen, and is known for its progressive schools, culture, and character.

Peter Miller, the primary citizen petitioner, recently returned from a community technology delegation trip to Cuba and published a report about it in the Brookline TAB as part of the effort. He worked with the support and encouragement of local peace and justice activists and organizations like Brookline PAX as well as the Boston based July 26 Coalition, a group that works in solidarity with Cuba and is an affiliate of the National Network on Cuba (NNOC).

According to Peter, “It was a remarkable campaign and I learned much from it. As the first local campaign on the East Coast that I am aware of, it joins the local grassroots call to end the embargo passed by Richmond, Berkeley, and Oakland in California and can hopefully contribute to this growing movement that will help finally put an end to this bad policy once and for all. It can simultaneously be non-partisan and broad-based, and speaks to everyone. It brings solidarity activists and sympathizers out into the general community in constructive and informative ways and helps educate whole communities and especially those with political interests.”
Title: Calling an End to the United States’ Embargo Against Cuba

Location: Citywide

Recommendation: Pass a Resolution calling for an end to the United States’ economic, commercial and financial embargo against Cuba.

Contact: Shoun Thao, Council Representative, (916) 808-7002, Office of Councilmember Allen Wayne Warren, District 2

Presenter: Councilmember Allen Wayne Warren, (916) 808-7002, Office of Council District 2; Councilmember Steve Hansen, (916) 808-7004, Office of Council District 4

Attachments:
1-Description/Analysis
2-Resolution
Description/Analysis

Issue Detail: As an agricultural powerhouse and as the farm to the fork capital of the world, the City of Sacramento supporting the end of the embargo against Cuba can create new trade and economic opportunity for the region.

Policy Considerations: Not Applicable

Economic Impacts: Not Applicable

Environmental Considerations: Not Applicable

Sustainability: Not Applicable

Commission/Committee Action: Not Applicable

Rationale for Recommendation: By adopting this resolution, the City of Sacramento demonstrates support of national legislation calling for an end to the embargo against Cuba.

Financial Considerations: None

Local Business Enterprise (LBE): None

Background: The 1962 United States Embargo policy has failed to achieve its goals. The embargo has had a negative economic and social effect more on the people of Cuba than the government. The lift of United States embargo against Cuba, will create new opportunity for commerce and trade relations especially in US agriculture.
RESOLUTION NO. 2017-
Adopted by the Sacramento City Council

CALLING FOR AN END TO THE UNITED STATES’ ECONOMIC, COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL EMBARGO AGAINST CUBA

BACKGROUND

A. In 1960, the United States government imposed an economic, commercial and financial embargo against Cuba.

B. The U.S. embargo against Cuba continues to inflict hardship on the men, women and children of Cuba by creating shortages of food, medicine, financial and trade opportunities.

C. On December 17, 2014, U.S. President Barack Obama and Cuban President Raul Castro announced a new era of relations between the two countries and agreed to reestablish diplomatic relations.

D. Cuba and the United States re-opened their respective embassies in 2015.

E. Despite a few changes made by President Obama the U.S. embargo continues to be in place.

F. The 1996 Helms Burton Act extended the territorial application of the initial embargo to apply to foreign companies trading with Cuba.

G. 191 countries out of 193 voted at the United Nations General Assembly in October 2015 in favor of lifting the U.S. embargo against Cuba.

H. The majority of the people of the United States believe this embargo is ineffective, inhumane and in violation of U.S. laws and international conventions.

I. The embargo denies United States citizens access to Cuban medical technology such as the diabetes drug Heberpot-P, vaccines for meningitis B and hepatitis B, monoclonal antibodies for kidney transplants, as well as the only therapeutic vaccine in the world against advanced lung cancer, called CIMA V AX-EGF.
BASED ON THE FACTS SET FORTH IN THE BACKGROUND, THE CITY COUNCIL RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The City Council of the City of Sacramento hereby calls for an immediate end to the United States' economic, commercial and financial embargo against Cuba.

Section 2. The Mayor and City Council of the City of Sacramento supports the following Bills in Congress: 1) The Freedom to Travel to Cuba Act of 2017 (H.R. 351), introduced by Rep. Mark Sanford (R-SC 1st) and Rep. James McGovern (D-MA 2nd); 2) The Cuba Trade Act of 2017 (H.R. 442), introduced by Rep. Tom Emmer (R-MN 6th); 3) The Cuba Agricultural Exports Act (H.R. 525), introduced by Rep. Eric A. Crawford (R-AK-1st); and strongly encourages Representative Doris Matsui to join the list of co-sponsors for all four bills.

Section 3. The Mayor and City Council of the City of Sacramento supports the following Bills in the Senate: 1) The Freedom to Travel to Cuba Act of 2015 (S299), introduced by Senator Jeff Flake (R-AZ), language of which is identical to H.R 351, 2) The Agricultural Export Expansion Act of 2017 (S.275), introduced by Sen. Heidi Heitkamp (D-ND); 3) Cuba Trade Act of 2017, introduced by Sen. Jerry Moran (R-KS); 4) Cuba DATA Act (S.1389), introduced by Sen. Tom Udall (D-NM); and strongly encourages Senators Kamala Harris and Dianne Feinstein to join the list of co-sponsors of both bills.

Section 4. The Mayor and City Council of the City of Sacramento directs the City Clerk to send copies of this resolution to Representative Matsui and Senators Harris and Feinstein.
Report

March 27, 2017

Honorable Thomas J. Clarke, Council President &
Members of the Court of Common Council
City of Hartford
550 Main Street Room #208
Hartford, CT 06103

Dear Council President and Members of the Council:

The Legislative Affairs Committee held its regularly scheduled meeting on March 8, 2017, at 5:30 pm in the Council Chambers to discuss the following referred item:

(COUNCILMAN DEUTSCH) RESOLUTION BY THE COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL URGING PRESIDENT TRUMP TO CONTINUE THE POLICY INITIATED BY PREIDENT OBAMA TO BUILD A NEW, COOPERATIVE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND TO IMMEDIATELY END ALL ASPECTS OF THE UNITED STATES’ ECONOMIC, COMMERCIAL, AND FINANCIAL EMBARGO AGAINST CUBA INCLUDING RESTRICTIONS ON TRAVEL TO CUBA BY U.S. CITIZENS. [ITEM #22 ON AGENDA]

The following committee members were in attendance: Chairman Gale, Committee member Concepción, and Committee member Deutsch.

Councilman Deutsch stated the importance of supporting economic ties and trade that would be beneficial to both Cuba and the United States. Chairman Gale asked about the clause endorsing a conference in New York City and the committee decided to strike that clause from the resolution.
A motion was made by Councilman Concepción and seconded by Councilman Gale to favorably send this item as amended to full Council for their approval.

Vote taken 3-0:

Committee Member Votes:
Chairman Gale—Yes
Member Concepción—Yes
Member Deutsch—Yes
Member Jennings—Not Present
Member Thames—Not Present

Respectfully Submitted,

[Signature]

Assistant Majority Leader John Q. Gale
Chairperson of the LAC Committee
INTRODUCED BY
Larry Deutsch

COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL
March 27, 2017

SUBSTITUTE RESOLUTION

Whereas, in 1960, the United States government imposed an economic, commercial, and financial embargo against Cuba; and

Whereas, on December 17, 2014, U.S. President Barak Obama and Cuban President Raúl Castro agreed to reestablish diplomatic relations between the two countries; and

Whereas, despite executive actions by President Obama easing certain regulations, the U.S. embargo continues to be in place as do restrictions on travel by U.S. citizens to Cuba;

Whereas, trade between the United States and Cuba benefits both countries, particularly in the areas of agriculture and medicine;

Whereas, an end to the embargo would enable Hartford area enterprises to collaborate with Cuba’s advanced bio-technical and medical research institutions in the areas of drug development, clinical tests, genetics, and medical devices, thus enhancing economic development and employment opportunities in our region;

Whereas, on October 20, 2016, the Hartford City Council welcomed Miguel Fraga, first secretary of the newly opened Cuban Embassy in Washington, D.C., to our city; now therefore be it

Resolved, that the Hartford City Council urges President Trump to continue the policy initiated by President Obama to build a new, cooperative relationship between the United States and Cuba; and be it further

Resolved, that the Hartford City Council urges Congress and the President to immediately end all aspects of the United States’ economic, commercial, and financial embargo against Cuba including restrictions on travel to Cuba by U.S. citizens; and be it further

Resolved, that copies of this resolution be sent to Congressman John Larson and Senators Richard Blumenthal and Christopher Murphy, and other appropriate officials.
RESOLUTIONS OF THE CITY OF HELENA, MONTANA

RESOLUTION NO. 20342

A RESOLUTION URGING CONGRESS TO NORMALIZE RELATIONS WITH CUBA AND LIFT THE CURRENT EMBARGO AND OTHER TRADE BARRIERS WITH THE REPUBLIC OF CUBA AND EXTENDING A HAND OF FRIENDSHIP TO THE PEOPLE OF CUBA

WHEREAS, for more than five decades, the United States has maintained, through the most comprehensive set of economic sanctions levied against any nation, a strict embargo with the Republic of Cuba which places significant restrictions and prohibitions on U.S.-Cuban relationships, especially in trade, travel, and financial transactions; and

WHEREAS, U.S. laws and regulations make Montana exports to Cuba difficult and burdensome, if not outright prohibited with numerous federal regulations including restrictions on credit, which limit the ability of Montana businesses to competitively serve the Cuban market and allowing international competitors to capitalize; and

WHEREAS, prior to the embargo, the United States accounted for nearly 70 percent of Cuba’s international trade and currently, 84 percent of all food consumed in Cuba is imported; and

WHEREAS, According to the United States Chamber of Commerce, the embargo’s annual cost to the United States economy
is $1.2 billion, and the embargo disproportionately affects American small businesses that lack the transportation, legal, and financial infrastructure to comply with the current regulations; and

WHEREAS, the United States and Cuba are natural trading partners, and Montana stands ready to be a major source for Cuba's domestic consumption, which will result in significant growth in exports and the creation of more American jobs; and

WHEREAS, relaxing restrictions and prohibitions on U.S. exports to Cuba will present new opportunities to grow our agricultural sector and create jobs in rural communities across Montana; and

WHEREAS, the Republic of Cuba, home to more than 11 million people in close proximity to the U.S., is a logical target for expanded U.S. exports, normalizing trade relations between the U.S. and Cuba will enhance Cuban citizens' access to affordable food while providing the U.S. farm and business community with new markets; and

WHEREAS, Cuba has already become a leader in the biopharmaceutical arena, specifically in a lung cancer vaccine,
treatment of diabetic foot ulcers and in rural delivery of health care, and its vaccine industry will be able to ship more of its high-quality products to Montana to be distributed to underserved populations at lower costs; and

WHEREAS, we acknowledge that increasing trade with Cuba will better serve our interest and improve the lives of Cubans and their families; and

WHEREAS, since 2008, Cuba has undertaken more than 300 economic reforms designed to encourage private enterprise and small businesses; and

WHEREAS, many of our citizens have visited Cuba and participated in governmental, cultural and human rights exchanges and we recognize that out two countries have much more in common than we have differences; and

WHEREAS, expanding educational exchanges and cultural interactions would create bridges for us to build on and promote mutual awareness, trust, and respect towards one another; and

WHEREAS, ending the U.S. embargo against Cuba will boost both the Cuban and Montana economies and eliminate the barriers between Americans and Cubans by expanding diplomatic relations,
RESOLUTIONS OF THE CITY OF HELENA, MONTANA

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travel, partnerships, and trade, allowing all citizens the opportunity to discover and reconnect on mutual interests, benefiting Cubans and Americans alike; and

WHEREAS, we welcome and encourage the newfound openness between our nations and wish to extend the hand of friendship to the people of Cuba;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF HELENA, MONTANA:

Section 1. That we urge the Congress of the United States to normalize relations with the Cuban government and lift the current embargo and other trade barriers with the Republic of Cuba.

Section 2. Copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and the members of Montana’s congressional delegation.

RESOLUTIONS OF THE CITY OF HELENA, MONTANA

Res. No. 20342

MAYOR

CLERK OF THE COMMISSION
RESOLUTION
By Jenkins, Gordon, and Johnson

Urging the federal government to continue the policy initiated by past presidents to build a new, cooperative relationship between the United States and Cuba.

Whereas, in 1960, the United States government imposed an economic, commercial, and financial embargo against Cuba; and

Whereas, on December 17, 2014, US. President Barack Obama and Cuban President Raul Castro agreed to reestablish diplomatic relations between the two countries; and

Whereas, despite executive actions by President Obama easing certain regulations, the US embargo continues to be in place, as are restrictions on travel by US citizens to Cuba; and

Whereas, trade between the United States and Cuba benefits both countries, particularly in the areas of food production, education, healthcare, tourism, arts, music, biotechnological and medical research; and

Whereas, an end to the embargo would enable Minneapolis area enterprises to collaborate with Cuba’s advanced biotechnical and medical research institutions in the areas of drug development, clinical tests, genetics, and medical devices, thus enhancing economic development and employment opportunities in our region; and

Whereas, on October 6, 2014, the Minnesota International Center, Westminster Presbyterian Church and St. Thomas University welcomed Cuban Ambassador Cabanas of the Cuban Special Interests Section, now the Cuban Embassy, in Washington, DC, to Minneapolis; and

Whereas, in September 2017 President Trump ordered all diplomatic staff withdrawn from the US Embassy in Havana and expelled diplomatic staff from the Cuban Embassy in Washington, DC,

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved by The City Council of The City of Minneapolis:

That the City of Minneapolis urges President Trump to renew engagement of negotiations with the Cuban government as initiated by the policy of past Presidents to build a new, cooperative relationship between the United States and Cuba and reestablish the diplomatic staffing of the US Embassy in Havana and reinstatement of diplomatic staff at the Cuban Embassy in Washington, DC.

Be It Further Resolved that the City of Minneapolis urges Congress and the President to immediately end all aspects of the United States’ economic, commercial, and financial embargo against Cuba including restrictions on travel to Cuba by US citizens.
City Council, Mayor Frey approve resolution urging federal government to end U.S. embargo against Cuba

★ June 6, 2018 / City of Minneapolis

The City of Minneapolis joins several other cities across the country in calling on the U.S. government to build a new, cooperative relationship with Cuba and end the embargo and travel restrictions to the country.

The resolution, authored by City Council Vice President Andrea Jenkins, Council Members Cam Gordon and Andrew Johnson, notes that ending the embargo would allow Minneapolis businesses to collaborate with Cuban biotechnical and medical research institutions, bringing new economic opportunities to the region.

The U.S. economic, commercial and financial embargo against Cuba has been in place since 1960. In 2014, former President Barack Obama and Cuban President Raul Castro agreed to reestablish diplomatic relations. President Donald Trump, however, has implemented tighter restrictions on travel and trade with Cuba, cut staff at the U.S. Embassy in Havana and expelled Cuban diplomats from Washington, D.C.

“Normalizing relations with Cuba has broad bipartisan support because it’s a common sense move. After more than 50 years of a failed, isolationist policy, the United States should embrace a new policy of economic and social progress,” said Mayor Jacob Frey. “Freening cities like Minneapolis and states up to engage in trade with a neighboring country just 90 miles off our shores would provide a boost to our local economy and provide the Cuban people with an opportunity to see the benefits of a free and open democratic society. Doing business with Cuba is good for Minneapolis businesses — and it’s the right thing to do.”

“Cuba has a rich history of artistic and humanitarian diversity, as well as deep connections with culture makers here in Minneapolis,” said City Council Vice President Andrea Jenkins. “The world benefits greatly when people from different countries are able to share ideas, resources and economies.”

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NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh urges President Donald Trump to respect the sovereignty of the Cuban people and renew productive and cooperative mutual engagement with Cuba and re-open a fully operational Embassy in Havana and allow Cuba to restore all diplomatic staff and services at their Washington, D.C. Embassy; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh urges the Congress to pass the strategic pieces of legislation that would completely repeal the blockade and travel ban and that this Resolution be sent to the White House, Members of Congress, National Conference of Mayors, state and local legislative entities, and be promoted publicly.

WHEREAS, the City of Pittsburgh has long been a recognized leader in pursuing respectful and supportive relationships with the people and government of Cuba through City Council Resolution, delegation visits and actions of previous Administrations including the establishment of an official sister city relationship with Matanzas, Cuba, also celebrated as a “Three Rivers City” and “City of Bridges” in a formal twinning agreement ceremony signed in Matanzas, Cuba on February 20, 1998; and,

WHEREAS, Mayor William Peduto additionally traveled to Cuba to explore and promote mutual interests and understanding, and over the years thousands of Pittsburgh area residents have travelled to Cuba despite official U.S. government policy and roadblocks; and,

WHEREAS, the Pittsburgh-Matanzas Sister Cities Partnership has promoted countless rewarding relationships through meaningful, albeit limited opportunities for academic, business, humanitarian, cultural, sporting, environmental, medical and other exchanges as witnessed by several Cuban Ministers visiting our City together with congregate events involving the participation of hundreds of Pittsburghers including the July 30, 2016 youth boxing match on the Roberto Clemente Bridge, the first U.S. sporting event to be viewed live by more than three million Cubans via satellite; and,

WHEREAS, in 2015 a Western Pennsylvania trade delegation organized by the Pittsburgh-Matanzas Sister Cities Partnership and the Hibernian Celtic Athletic Fund, visited Havana and Matanzas and included Congressman Michael Doyle, County Executive Rich Fitzgerald, Councilwoman Natalia Rudiak, PA. Senate Majority Leader Joe Scarnati, and other elected and appointed officials as well representatives of the State
WHEREAS, the Pittsburgh-Matanzas delegation witnessed the signing of a formal Memorandum of Understanding between Penn State University and the University of Havana outlining multiple engagement programs for students, professors, research, sports, etc.; and,

WHEREAS, the 2015 delegation met with various government Ministers including the Ministry of Manufacturing that included visits to the historic and highly praised rum industry facilities moving the Pennsylvania LCB officials to apply to the federal Treasury Department for a license to purchase Cuban Rum as part of the Commonwealth’s Sovereign State prerogatives; and,

WHEREAS, there is a shared opportunity for agricultural farmers in our Commonwealth and around the nation to benefit from direct profitable trade with Cuba, including dairy farmers here in Allegheny County now under extreme duress and in urgent need of new markets for milk, beef and other products, commodities that Cuba presently purchases from far away countries and wants to purchase from the U.S.; and,

WHEREAS, the more-than half a century old, counterproductive, unilateral economic, financial and commercial blockade condemned by 191 of 193 countries in the United Nations General Assembly and the unique disruptive travel restrictions applied to U.S. residents continue to this day despite the welcomed and historic actions of President Barack Obama who visited Cuba and on December 17, 2014, with overwhelming public support, agreed to re-establish diplomatic relations, and opened Embassies in both countries; and,

WHEREAS, new, even more draconian restrictions under the Trump Administration further limit people-to-people travel and trade and attempt to turn back the clock on peaceful and meaningful engagement with Cuba, at a time when many other historic adversarial relationships are being revisited and re-established, relations with Cuba are exceptional in that they can only be changed and eliminated by acts of Congress and the repeal of the codified Helms-Burton and Torricelli Acts; and,

WHEREAS, numerous pieces of legislation in the U.S. House and Senate already enjoy tremendous support by both Republicans and Democrats alike, which would allow normal travel and unfettered fair economic trade with Cuba, including new markets critical for Pennsylvania; and,

WHEREAS, mutual trade and engagement between the United States and Cuba that benefits both countries has been desired and articulated particularly in the areas of food production, education, healthcare, tourism, arts, cultural and family exchanges, biotechnology and medical research, and the ENGAGE CUBA COALITION has already established 18 bipartisan statewide coalitions working in coordinated advocacy and lobbying activities, including a broad based council in Pennsylvania, which we hereby endorse and commend; and,

WHEREAS, in Cuba, voting took place at various levels of provincial and nationwide levels that witnessed 80 percent voter participation, electing 53 percent women, the second highest representation of women in...
governance worldwide, with 80 of the 605 elected Representatives between the ages of 18 and 35, and culminating in the election of President Miguel Diaz-Canel, the first leader born after the Cuban Revolution of 1959, hereby opening new opportunities for normalizing bilateral relations; and,

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh urges President Donald Trump to respect the sovereignty of the Cuban people and renew productive and cooperative mutual engagement with Cuba and re-open a fully operational Embassy in Havana and allow Cuba to restore all diplomatic staff and services at their Washington, D.C. Embassy; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh urges the Congress to pass the strategic pieces of legislation that would completely repeal the blockade and travel ban and that this Resolution be sent to the White House, Members of Congress, National Conference of Mayors, state and local legislative entities, and be promoted publicly.
Urging the federal government to end the U.S. embargo of Cuba.

Whereas, there are many historic connections between the people of Saint Paul and the people of Cuba, beginning in 1898, when Saint Paul’s African-American community staged several “Cuba” pageants celebrating Cuba’s struggle for independence from Spain in the Spanish-American War; and

Whereas, although much limited by the U.S. embargo, academic, agricultural, governmental and business connections have continued to grow between the State of Minnesota, the City of Saint Paul and Cuba; and

Whereas, a bust of Cuban national hero José Martí has stood in the northern stairwell of City Hall for many decades;

Whereas, in 2008, the Minnesota legislature passed a resolution calling for an end to the embargo against Cuba; and

Whereas in 2014 and 2018, Cuban diplomats visited Saint Paul with the goal of fostering relationships between the city, state and Cuba; and

Whereas, in 2015, Mayor Chris Coleman visited Cuba as part of a delegation that had been planned in his capacity as president of the National League of Cities; and

Whereas, the U.S. embargo against Cuba continues to inflict hardship on the people of Cuba by creating shortages in many areas and costing the Cuban people at least $130 billion according to the United Nations regional economic body for Latin America; and

Whereas, trade between the U.S. and Cuba benefits both countries, particularly in the areas of food production, education, healthcare, tourism, arts, music, biotechnological and medical research; and

Whereas, the overwhelming majority of countries in the United Nations General Assembly have for many years voted in favor of lifting the U.S. embargo against Cuba; and

Whereas, on December 17, 2014, the U.S. and Cuba agreed to establish diplomatic relations between the two countries; and

Whereas, President Trump has ordered new restrictions on business and travel to Cuba, ordered all diplomatic staff withdrawn from the U.S. Embassy in Havana and expelled diplomatic staff from the Cuban Embassy in Washington, DC; and

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that the City of Saint Paul urges President Donald Trump to renew engagement with the Cuban government to create a new cooperative relationship, to reestablish diplomatic staffing of the U.S. Embassy in Havana, to reinstate diplomatic staff at the Cuban Embassy in Washington, DC and to remove barriers preventing Cuban academics and others from visiting the U.S.

Be It Further Resolved that the City Council of the City of Saint Paul urges Congress and the President to immediately end all aspects of the U.S. economic, commercial, and financial embargo against Cuba, including restrictions on travel to Cuba by U.S. citizens.
There will be no meeting on January 30, the 5th Wednesday of the month.

ROLL CALL

Councilmember Thao excused

Present: 5 - Councilmember Amy Brendmoen, Councilmember Chris Tolbert, Councilmember Rebecca Noecker, Councilmember Jane L. Prince and Councilmember Mitra Jalali Nelson

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Dai Thao

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Sponsors: Prince, Noecker and Thao

Adopted

Yea: 5 - Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Tolbert, Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Prince and Councilmember Jalali Nelson

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Thao
Resolutions

BY COUNCIL PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE MARY SHEFFIELD AND COUNCIL MEMBER RAQUEL CASTAÑEDA-LÓPEZ:

RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING AN ONGOING COOPERATIVE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND CUBA

WHEREAS, In 1960, the United States government imposed an economic, commercial, and financial embargo against Caribbean island nation of Cuba; and

WHEREAS, On December 17, 2014, U.S. President Barack Obama and Cuban President Raul Castro agreed to reestablish diplomatic relations between the two nations; and

WHEREAS, Despite executive actions by President Obama easing certain regulations, the U.S. embargo remains in place, as are restrictions on travel by U.S. citizens to Cuba; and

WHEREAS, The easing of international relations and trade between the United States and Cuba benefit both countries, particularly in the areas of food production, education, healthcare, tourism, the arts, music, and biotechnological and medical research; and

WHEREAS, An end to the embargo would enable not only renewed diplomatic relations allowing for a dialog on human rights, direct travel for the citizens of both countries, direct mail services, but also a significant expansion of international trade; and

WHEREAS, Normalization of relations with Cuba would greatly benefit Michigan’s economy including, but not limited to, increased trade opportunities with our automotive industry and agricultural imports and exports. According to a June 17, 2017 report by Michigan Radio, Michigan bean growers specifically expressed optimism about the opening of a new trade market. In 2015, Senator Debbie Stabenow joined a bipartisan group of senators in introducing legislation to end the embargo, following her second official trip to Cuba; and

WHEREAS, However, in September 2017, without any precipitating hostile events, President Trump ordered all diplomatic staff withdrawn from the U.S. Embassy in Havana and expelled diplomatic staff from the Cuban Embassy in Washington, D.C., signaling a pause, if not the end of normalization efforts between the countries. NOW, THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, That the Detroit City Council urges President Donald Trump to renew negotiations with the Cuban government as initiated by the policy of past administrations to build a new, cooperative relationship between the United States and Cuba and to reestablish the diplomatic staffing in the U.S. Embassy in Havana and enable reinstatement of diplomatic staff at the Cuban Embassy in Washington, D.C.; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, The Detroit City Council urges Congress and the President to immediately end all aspects of the United States’ economic, commercial, and financial embargo against Cuba, including restrictions on travel to Cuba by U.S. citizens. Venceremos. AND BE IT FINALLY

RESOLVED, That the Detroit City Clerk transmit a copy of this resolution to the President of the United States, the members of the Michigan Congressional Delegation, and Mayor Mike Duggan.

January 23, 2019
A RESOLUTION calling for an end to the U.S. government’s economic, commercial, and financial embargo against Cuba.
WHEREAS, in 1960, the U.S. government imposed an economic, commercial, and financial embargo against Cuba; and
WHEREAS, the U.S. embargo against Cuba continues to inflict hardship on the men, women, and children of Cuba by creating shortages of food, medicine, and financial and trade opportunities; and
WHEREAS, on December 17, 2014, U.S. President Barack Obama and Cuban President Raul Castro announced a new era of relations between the two countries and agreed to reestablish diplomatic relations; and
WHEREAS, Cuba and the U.S. reopened their respective embassies in 2015; and
WHEREAS, despite some changes made by President Obama, the U.S. embargo continues to be in place; and
WHEREAS, the 1996 Helms-Burton Act extended the territorial application of the initial embargo to apply to foreign companies trading with Cuba, and the current U.S. administration has taken backward steps to harshen the embargo and return U.S.-Cuba relations to the era of the Cold War; and

WHEREAS, 189 countries voted at the United Nations General Assembly in November 2018 in favor of lifting the U.S. embargo against Cuba, with only two countries—the U.S. and Israel—opposing the resolution; and

WHEREAS, the majority of the people in the U.S. believe the embargo is ineffective, inhumane, and in violation of U.S. laws and international conventions; and

WHEREAS, in one year, the economic damage to Cuba mounted to $4,321,200,000 dollars; and

WHEREAS, despite the lack of governmental diplomatic relations, organizations such as the Seattle-based U.S. Women and Cuba Collaboration, organized by local labor and civil rights leader Cindy Domingo, and the Seattle-Cuba Friendship Committee, have been working on people-to-people diplomacy to create cross national learning opportunities rooted in the concepts of universal human rights, racial and economic justice, and women’s rights; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. blockade inhibits the free travel of U.S. people to Cuba, and, therefore, hinders the ability to forge people-to-people ties between our residents; and

WHEREAS, 142,721 people traveled from the U.S. on cruise ships in the first four months of 2019, but as of June 5 no one is able to travel on these ships under the most popular “People to People” travel license; and

WHEREAS, despite the U.S. embargo, Cuba has achieved some of the highest literacy rates in the world (>99 percent), guaranteed access to early learning, prenatal care, and long-term care resulting in life expectancy rates of more than 79 years, infant mortality rates as low as 0.4 percent, and better health outcomes than many Western countries, including the U.S.; and

WHEREAS, the embargo denies U.S. citizens access to Cuban medical technology such as the diabetes drug
Heberprot-P, vaccines for meningitis B and hepatitis B, monoclonal antibodies for kidney transplants, as well as the only therapeutic vaccine in the world against advanced lung cancer, called CIMAVax-EGF; and

WHEREAS, 11 cities across the country have called for an end to the embargo; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEATTLE, THAT:

Section 1. The City Council calls for an immediate end to the U.S. government’s economic, commercial, and financial embargo against Cuba, including restrictions on travel to Cuba by U.S. citizens.

Section 2. The City Council urges President Trump to renew engagement of negotiations with the Cuban government as initiated by the policy of past administrations to build a new, cooperative relationship between the United States and Cuba; reestablish the full diplomatic staffing of the U.S. Embassy in Havana; and all full diplomatic staffing at the Cuban Embassy in Washington, D.C.

Section 3. The City Council urges Congress to pass legislation that would completely repeal the blockade and travel ban regarding Cuba, including the recently introduced H.R. 3960 and the Senate companion bipartisan bill that would end the Cuba travel ban.

Section 4. The City Council requests that the Office of Intergovernmental Relations deliver copies of this resolution, upon adoption, to President Trump, Senators Patty Murray and Maria Cantwell, and Representatives Pramila Jayapal and Adam Smith.

Adopted by the City Council the ______ day of _________________________, 2019, and signed by me in open session in authentication of its adoption this ______ day of _________________________, 2019.

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President ____________ of the City Council
Filed by me this ______ day of ________________________, 2019.

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Monica Martinez Simmons, City Clerk
(Seal)
Resolution in Support of the repeal of The United States’ Economic Embargo against the Republic of Cuba

At a regular meeting of the Township Board of the Charter Township of Meridian, Ingham County, Michigan, held at the Meridian Township Municipal Building, 5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, MI 48864-1198, (517) 655-4000, on Tuesday, September 17, 2019 at 6:00 pm.

PRESENT: Supervisor Styka, Clerk Dreyfus, Treasurer Deschaine, Trustee Jackson, Opsommer, Sundland, Wisinski

ABSENT:

The following resolution was offered by Trustee Jackson. Seconded by Clerk Dreyfus.

Trustee Jackson moved to support the repeal of the United States’ Economic Embargo against the Republic of Cuba. Seconded by Clerk Dreyfus.

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried 7-0

Whereas, in 1960, the United States government imposed an economic, commercial and financial embargo against The Republic of Cuba, and

Whereas, prior to the embargo, the United States accounted for nearly 70 percent of Cuba’s international trade. Currently, 84 percent of all food consumed in Cuba is imported; and

Whereas, on December 17, 2014 U.S. President Barack Obama and Cuban President Raul Castro announced a new era of relations between the two countries and agreed to re-establish diplomatic relations; and

Whereas, Cuba and the United States re-opened their respective embassies in 2015 and eased travel and economic restrictions; and

Whereas, The United States began to take steps to rebuild trade relations with Cuba by addressing long-standing regulations and restrictions imposed on Cuban trade, travel and carrier services, telecommunications, and financial industries; and

Whereas, the current U.S. administration placed new restrictions on American travel and other economic interactions between the American and Cuban people; and

Whereas, the US embargo against Cuba continues to inflict hardship on the men women and children of Cuba by creating shortages of food, medicines while also restoring restrictions on financial and trade opportunities; and

Whereas, In November 2018, 189 countries voted at the United Nations General Assembly in favor of lifting the US embargo against Cuba. Two countries - the United States and Israel - opposed; and

Whereas, the majority of the people of the United States believe this embargo is ineffective, inhumane and in violation of US laws and international conventions; and
WHEREAS, ending the U.S. embargo against Cuba will boost both economies and eliminate the barriers between Americans and Cubans by expanding diplomatic relations, travel, partnerships, and trade, allowing all citizens the opportunity to discover and reconnect on mutual interests, benefiting Cubans and Americans alike;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN, INGHAM COUNTY, MICHIGAN, hereby calls for an end to the United States' economic, commercial and financial embargo against Cuba. We welcome and encourage openness between our nations and wish to extend the hand of friendship to the people of Cuba;

Be it further resolved that the Township Board of the Charter Township of Meridian supports the following bipartisan bills before the U.S. House of Representatives; the Freedom of Americans To Travel to Cuba Act (H.R. 351) introduced by Reps. Mark Sanford (R-SC) and Jim McGovern (D-MA) and the Cuba Trade Act (H.R. 442) introduced by Reps. Tom Emmer (R-MN) and Kathy Castor (D-FL) and urge our current representatives to join in sponsoring these bills.

Be it further resolved that the Board of the Charter Township supports the following Bills before the U.S. Senate of the United States. Freedom of Americans To Travel to Cuba Act (S 1287) introduced by Senators Jeff Flake (R-AZ) and Patrick Leahy (D-VT) as well as the Cuba Trade Act (S 428) introduced by Senator Amy Klobuchar (D-MN). We urge Senator Stabenow and Senator Peters to join in sponsoring these bills.

Be it finally resolved that the Board of Meridian Charter Township directs that copies of this resolution be sent to our current representatives in the U.S. House and the U.S. Senate.

ADOPTED:

ADOPTED: YEAS: Supervisor Styka, Clerk Dreyfus, Treasurer Deschaine, Trustee Wisinski, Jackson, Opsommer, Sundland

NAYS:

Resolution declared adopted.

STATE OF MICHIGAN } ss.

COUNTY OF INGHAM }

I, the undersigned, the duly qualified and acting Clerk of the Charter Township of Meridian, Ingham County, Michigan, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of proceedings taken by the Township Board at a regular meeting held on Tuesday, September 17, 2019.

Brett Dreyfus, Clerk
Charter Township of Meridian