

## RESOLUTION NO. 2021-XX

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, CONDEMINING THE ASSASSINATION OF HAITI PRESIDENT JOVENEL MOISE AND THE VICIOUS ATTACKS AGAINST HAITI'S FIRST LADY MARTINE MOISE; EXPRESSING SOLIDARITY WITH THE HAITIAN PEOPLE IN SUPPORT OF DEMOCRACY IN HAITI; DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK TO SEND THIS RESOLUTION TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, FLORIDA U.S. SENATORS, SOUTH FLORIDA CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION, AND MAYOR AND COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, the Haitian people have endured numerous tragic events in the recent past in their continuing struggle to make democracy work in Haiti; and

**WHEREAS**, on July 7, 2021, undaunted by the sovereign authority of a country, a group of mercenaries assassinated Haitian President Jovenel Moise in the middle of night in his private home while wounding the First Lady Martine Moise; and

**WHEREAS**, the assassination of a president of a country by a group of foreign mercenaries is generally declared an Act of War in most countries; and

**WHEREAS**, the assassination of President Moise in such a brutal manner is an Act of War against the democratic movement in Haiti; and

**WHEREAS**, today Haiti is on the brink of chaos and instability and there are different factions fighting for the leadership of Haiti as a result of the death of President Moise; and

**WHEREAS**, during the time of instability and chaos in Haiti the people are the ones that will suffer the most due to power outages, food shortages, gasoline shortage and the lack of Covid-19 vaccinations; and

**WHEREAS**, the people of Haiti deserve to live free from poverty, chaos, instability, and brutal attacks by foreign mercenaries; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and City Commission of the City of North Miami Beach support the Haitian people and stand in solidarity with them as they demand democracy and freedom.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Commission of the City of North Miami Beach, Florida, as follows:

**Section 1.** The aforementioned recitals are adopted by reference and incorporated as if fully set forth in this section.

**Section 2.** The Mayor and City Commission of the City of North Miami Beach strongly condemn the assassination of Haiti's President Jovenel Moise and the vicious attacks against Haiti's First Lady Martine Moise.

**Section 3.** The Mayor and City Commission of the City of North Miami Beach express solidarity with the Haitian people living in Haiti and abroad in their quest to live in a democracy.

**Section 4.** The Mayor and City Commission direct the City Clerk to send a copy of this Resolution to the President of the United States, Florida United States Senators, South Florida Congressional Delegation, and Mayor and Commissioners of Miami-Dade County.

**Section 5.** This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

**APPROVED AND ADOPTED** by the City of North Miami Beach City Commission at the regular meeting assembled this **20<sup>th</sup> day of July 2021**.

ATTEST:

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ANDRISE BERNARD, CMC  
CITY CLERK

(CITY SEAL)

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ANTHONY F. DEFILLIPO  
MAYOR

APPROVED AS TO FORM, LANGUAGE  
AND FOR EXECUTION

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HANS OTTINOT  
INTERIM CITY ATTORNEY

SPONSORED BY: Commissioner Fortuna Smukler

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