

**A RESOLUTION DECLARING "PERSONA NON GRATA" IN THE CITY OF MIAMI  
THE OWNERS OF GLOBOVISION T.V. IN VENEZUELA**

**Raúl Gorrin, Gustavo Perdomo and Juan Domingo Cordero.**

Whereas, the City of Miami has historically been the flagship City and leader of all thirty-four municipalities in Miami-Dade County in supporting human rights, freedom, and democracy throughout the Americas and beyond; and

Whereas, a major portion of the City of Miami's residents have either fled or are native Miami-born sons and daughters of those that have fled tyrannies that have oppressed human rights and civil liberties; and

Whereas, on February 12<sup>th</sup>, of this year 2014, the university students of Venezuela, supported by a majority of the Venezuelan people, began daily peaceful marches and demonstrations demanding human rights and democracy for Venezuela, while having to face the government's violence and oppression through its police forces and government-supported thugs called "*colectivos*"; and

Whereas, dozens of students have been killed, hundreds wounded, several thousand arrested, along with dozens of reported cases of students being tortured after their arrest by government forces; and

Whereas, the Venezuelan students and Venezuelan people have established an "SOS Venezuela" rallying call to the international community in order to garner support in their fight for human rights and freedom; and

Whereas, the Globovision Television station has turned a blind eye and has refused to give coverage to the government's oppression of the Venezuelan students and citizens that are being murdered and physically abused in the streets of Venezuela; and

Whereas, after placing the majority shareholder of Globovision in a situation where he was forced to sell, on April 2013, the Venezuelan government through

the National Commission of Telecommunications (CONATEL) approved the sale of Globovision to Raúl Gorrin, Gustavo Perdomo, and Juan Domingo Cordero; and

Whereas, immediately after buying Globovision the new owners began to dismantle the station by erasing basic democratic principles such as freedom of speech and firing many of its employees and causing many others to resign; and

Whereas, the doors to freedom of expression and television coverage of human rights abuses by the government were closed in Globovision and the last television station in Venezuela where Venezuelans could freely express themselves was turned into a pro-government manipulated station; and

Whereas, the owners of Globovision, are part of the new rich "*BOLIBURGUESES*" of the Venezuelan government, that have benefited from their connections to the Venezuelan regime where they have made huge fortunes at the expense of the Venezuelan people and are known in Venezuela as "*ENCHUFADOS*", those that are connected and have benefited from the Venezuela regime; and

Whereas, the owners of Globovision are indirectly responsible, as the top officials of the Venezuelan government are directly responsible, for the atrocities committed against the Venezuelan students and Venezuelan people by the "Nicolas Maduro/Diosdado Cabello tyranny" in Venezuela; and

Whereas, the owners of Globovision, Raúl Gorrin, Gustavo Perdomo, and Juan Domingo Cordero, have invested tens of millions of dollars in Miami-Dade County in multimillion-dollar waterfront homes, multimillion-dollar condominium apartments, numerous real estate investments, expensive automobiles and motorcycles, yachts (one yacht being 100 feet long), and bank accounts; and

Whereas, the owners of Globovision and their associates have made these investments through several dozen Florida corporations with addresses in Miami-Dade County; and

Whereas, many of these corporations have addresses in the City of Miami and are operating in violation of City laws without having certificates of occupancy and in a residential single-family home location; and

Whereas, the owners of Globovision are hypocritically enjoying the benefits of our democracy while helping the Venezuelan government deny those benefits of human rights, freedom of speech, and democracy that we have in Miami, USA to the Venezuelan people; and

Now therefore, be it resolved that the Miami City Commission is answering the "SOS VENEZUELA" support requested from the students and people of Venezuela and in doing so, and in support of, declares that the presence in Miami of Raúl Gorrin, Gustavo Perdomo, Juan Domingo Cordero, and other "ENCHUFADOS" of the Venezuelan totalitarian regime is hypocritical, unwelcomed, and repugnant to the residents of Miami, and hereby declare each of them to be "PERSONA NON GRATA" in all of the City of Miami.