

STUDENT SENATE RESOLUTION 2019-100

TITLE: Resolution Supporting the People of Cuba and Gators Affected by the Tornado in Havana, Cuba

AUTHOR(S): Senator Mauricio Perez, Senator Stephanie Beltran, Allocations Chairwoman Katie Hernandez

SPONSOR(S): Cuban American Student Association President Jared Machado, Hispanic Student Association President Brenda Villanueva, Student Body Vice President David Enriquez, Senator Mateo Haydar, Senator Melissa Andrade, Senator Derlis Leyva, Chomp the Vote Chairman Dylan Santalo, Senator Matthew Diaz

WHEREAS, on January 27, 2019, a tornado hit the Cuban capital city of Havana with wind speeds that reached more than 186 mph along a 7.1-mile path of destruction; and,¹

WHEREAS, the strong tornado winds left four people dead and 195 injured including 12 in critical condition; and,

WHEREAS, more than 1 million homes were left without power after the tornado passed and 1,238 homes were damaged including 123 total losses, 625 that were partially destroyed, and 378 that lost their roofs or parts of them; and,²

WHEREAS, this is the first tornado to hit the city in decades and the strongest since 1940 that uprooted trees, damaged buildings, and caused floods in poor areas of Havana as well as affected the provinces of Pinar del Rio, Artemisa, and Mayabeque; and,³

WHEREAS, the University of Florida's Cuban American Student Association has organized a donation drive for the city of Havana to provide aid and relief to the victims of said natural disaster; then,

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED, that the University of Florida Student Senate recognizes the efforts of the University of Florida's Cuban American Student Association to provide aid and relief to the affected members of their community.

THEREFORE, LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that the University of Florida Student Senate stands in solidarity with efforts of aid and relief to communities affected by natural disasters.

THEREFORE, LET IT FINALLY BE RESOLVED, that the University of Florida Student Senate supports all Cuban Gators and their families who have been affected by the natural disaster in Havana.

Proviso: A copy of this resolution shall be sent to Cuban American Student Association President Jared Machado, Hispanic Student Association President Brenda Villanueva, Vice President of Student Affairs Dr. Parrott, Dean of Students Heather White, & Multicultural and Diversity Affairs Director Will Atkins

[1] <https://www.cbsnews.com/news/tornado-in-cuba-havana-latest-news-death-toll-regla-2019-01-19-live-updates/>

[2] https://www.washingtonpost.com/weather/2019/01/28/deadly-tornado-plowed-through-havana-sunday-night-heres-how-it-happened/?noredirect=on&utm_term=.9db62b72fb93

[3] <https://www.news.com.au/travel/travel-updates/warnings/cuba-ravaged-by-worst-tornado-in-decades-causing-deaths-and-injuries/news-story/ff66f4587ed871bcf17b2e5c6d6f9338>

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Michael Murphy
Senate President

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