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RESOLUTION NO.

[Supporting and Urging the Immediate Release of Venezuelan Opposition Leader Leopoldo López]

Resolution supporting and urging the immediate release of Venezuelan opposition Leader Leopoldo López, who was illegally imprisoned in an attempt to silence dissent and free speech in February 2014.

WHEREAS, Venezuelans of all backgrounds denounced the failed State and marched for a constitutional change of the current regime; and

WHEREAS, Leopoldo López and many Venezuelans who spoke out publicly against the government's corruption and inefficiency had been imprisoned in violation of international law; and

WHEREAS, Leopoldo López, the former mayor of Caracas and the leader of the Venezuelan opposition party Popular Will, has been in prison since February 2014 and is being held in the Ramo Verde military prison outside of Caracas; and

WHEREAS, The President of Venezuela, Nicolás Maduro, has authorized the use of deadly force against protesters; and

WHEREAS, Venezuela is supposed to have parliamentary elections this year (2015), but it is almost halfway through the year, and no date has been set for the vote; and

WHEREAS, To restore democracy, Venezuela will need the support of the international community; and

WHEREAS, Countries such as Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Peru, Spain, the United States and others have called for the respect of democracy in Venezuela and for the release of its political prisoners; and

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WHEREAS, The Friends of a Free Venezuela urge the City and County of San Francisco to help aid them in demanding the universal values of free speech and human rights in Venezuela; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors joins in solidarity and recognizes and supports the immediate release of Venezuelan opposition Leader Leopoldo López and other political prisoners, who were illegally imprisoned in an attempt to silence dissent and free speech; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors demands a date for parliamentary elections with international observers from the EU and OAS and also calls for an end to censorship, repression and persecution in Venezuela.

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