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RECORD OF COUNCIL VOTE				
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Bender	✗			
Jenkins	✗			
Johnson	✗			
Gordon	✗			
Reich	✗			
Fletcher	✗			
Cunningham	✗			
Ellison	✗			
Warsame	✗			
Goodman	✗			
Cano	✗			
Schroeder	✗			
Palmisano	✗			

MAYOR ACTION

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MAYOR

MAY 31 2018

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Certified an official action of the City Council

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

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Whereas, in September 2017 President Trump ordered all diplomatic staff withdrawn from the US Embassy in Havana and expelled diplomatic staff from the Cuban Embassy in Washington, DC,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