



## Proclamation Regarding the Visit of Miguel Fraga, First Secretary of the Cuban Embassy, to the City of Bozeman, Montana

*WHEREAS, many residents of the City of Bozeman, including myself, have visited the Republic of Cuba; and*

*WHEREAS, a number of our Bozeman community members have close ties to Cuba through their travels, including exchanges concerning and collaborative projects in women's human rights, eco-tourism and sustainable community development, music, arts and education, agriculture, renewable energy, fly fishing and other outdoor recreation businesses; and*

*WHEREAS, the City of Bozeman is known as a City that values and welcomes different cultures and recognizes the importance of learning and exchanging understanding and ideas with all peoples; and*

*WHEREAS, our national government has recently taken steps towards normalizing relationships between the two countries; and*

*WHEREAS, First Secretary of the Cuban Embassy in Washington, **Miguel Fraga**, will visit the City of Bozeman and the State of Montana for the week of February 20-24; and*

*WHEREAS, Montana State University is hosting a lecture and reception open to all for **Mr. Fraga** at the Procrastinator Theater on campus at 6:00 PM on February 21: and*

*WHEREAS, **Mr. Fraga** will be present at a benefit Concert with Bozeman's own Bozambique Afro-Cuban Jazz group, on February 24.*

*NOW, **THEREFORE**, I make this Mayoral Proclamation to:*

***Welcome** First Secretary of the Cuban Embassy, **Miguel Fraga**, to the City of Bozeman; and*

***Encourage** all of the residents of our City to attend the public appearances of First Secretary **Fraga**, so as to promote greater understanding between our part of the United States and the Republic of Cuba; and*

***Exchange** ideas and support additional ways such as citizen diplomacy to create mutually-beneficial relations between the people of our City and with the people of Cuba so that all from both nations can trade and travel freely.*

Signed and Proclaimed this 13<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2017

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**Carson Taylor**

**Mayor, Bozeman, Montana**