

**MUNICIPALITY OF THE CAPITAL CITY
SAN JUAN BAPTIST¹**

**RESOLUTION NO. 46
SERIES 2008-2009
(Bill of Resolution No. 45, Series 2008-2009)**

APPROVED:

DECEMBER 22, 2008

RESOLUTION

**OF THE MUNICIPAL LEGISLATURE OF SAN JUAN, IN
REPRESENTATION OF ITS CITIZENS, TO RECOGNIZE AND
TO CONGRATULATE THE HONORABLE BARACK H.
OBAMA, JR., FOR HIS ELECTION AS PRESIDENT OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA; AND FOR OTHER AIMS.**

WHEREAS: The major goal of President Abraham Lincoln to enforce the Declaration of Independence of the United States, which proclaimed the equality of all men, was initiated with the Emancipation Declaration (in 1863) and subsequently with the triumph of Union over Confederate forces (in 1865), has evolved with the election of Barak H. Obama Jr., a U.S. Senator of African-American origin and representative of Illinois minorities, to the position of President of our Nation;

WHEREAS: The story of democratic Senator Obama is the manifestation of that we call *American Dream*, a story of perseverance that has culminated on November 4, 2008, after he won the presidential elections;

WHEREAS: Barack H. Obama Jr. was born on August 4, 1961 in Honolulu, Hawaii. Son of Barack Hussein Obama, Sr., from Kenya, and Shirley Ann Durham, of Kansas. He's married with Michelle Obama, and had procreated two (2) daughters; *Malia* and *Shasa*;

WHEREAS: A graduate in Political Sciences from Columbia University in New York, was admitted to the Harvard University School of Law in which he graduated with a *cum laude*. As a Harvard student, Obama became the first Afro-american student named as President of the prestigious *Harvard Law Review*. He served as member of the Harvard faculty while at the same time continue to the struggle for civil rights and for the poor communities;

WHEREAS: In his political career, Obama was named Federal Deputy in Chicago Illinois. Since he obtain this position, he was known as an courage defender of social justice policies that would eventually become his main theme during his senatorial race in 2004;

WHEREAS: Reached the senate seat in November 2004, he would shine as a potential leader in the Democratic National Party;

¹ Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.

WHEREAS: In 2008, Obama prevailed against veterans leaders during an arduous Democratic primary; resulting in the official nominee from that party for the presidency of the United States against republican Senator John McCain;

WHEREAS: In his motivation to become President of the United States of America, Senator Barrack Obama and his wife Michelle visited our island and walk over the cobblestone streets of our historic city of San Juan proclaiming his message of change (Yes We Can!) to all the people of Puerto Rico, then accompanied by Pedro Pierluissi, former president of his campaign in Puerto Rico and currently Resident Commissioner elect;

WHEREAS: The election of the honorable Barack H. Obama Jr., has transcendental significance in light of the struggle for civil rights of minorities, mentioned in Martin Luther King Jr., famous proclamation *I have a Dream* (1958);

WHEREAS: The members of the San Juan Municipal Legislature feel compelled to acknowledge and congratulate the Honorable Barack H. Obama Jr., for its election as President of the United States of America and to wish him the best success in his upcoming term in office.

WHEREFORE: BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MUNICIPAL LEGISLATURE OF SAN JUAN, PUERTO RICO:

Section 1.: The San Juan Municipal Legislature, in representation of its citizens, recognizes and congratulates the Honorable Barack H. Obama Jr., for his election as President of the United States of America and expresses success in his upcoming administration which begins on January 20th, 2009.

Section 2.: Copy of this Resolution will be prepared, in parchment form, and hastened its delivery to the Honorable Barack H. Obama Jr., by conduct of the *Office of the Elect President of the United States of America*.

Section 3.: This Resolution will take effect immediately upon its approval.

Elba A. Vallés Pérez
President

I, CARMEN M. QUIÑONES, SECRETARY OF THE MUNICIPAL LEGISLATURE OF SAN JUAN, PUERTO RICO:

CERTIFY: that the previous text is an original of the bill of Resolution Number 45, Series 2008-2009, approved by the Municipal Legislature of San Juan, in its continuance Ordinary Session, dated the 23rd day of December, 2008; with the affirmative votes of members of the Municipal Legislature; Mrs. Dinary Camacho Sierra, Sara de la Vega Ramos, Linda A. Gregory Santiago, Paulita Pagán Crespo, Migdalia Viera Torres; y los señores Roberto Acevedo Borrero, José A. Berlingeri Bonilla, José A. Dumas Febres, Roberto Fuentes Maldonado, Diego G. García Cruz, S. Rafael Hernández Trujillo, Rafael R. Luzardo Mejías, Manuel E. Mena Berdecía, Ramón Miranda Marzán; and the President, Mrs. Elba A.

Vallés Pérez; was absent and did not participating in the proceedings Messrs. Angel L. González Esperón y Rubén A. Parrilla Rodríguez.

I ALSO CERTIFY, that all the members of the municipal legislature were adequately requested to attend this Session, in accordance with legal requirements.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, and for the proper proceedings, I hereby issue this Certificate, and the Seal of the Municipality of San Juan, Puerto Rico is hereto affixed in the three pages of this Resolution the 23rd day of December, 2008.

Carmen M. Quiñones
Secretary
Municipal Legislature of San Juan