

**RESOLUTION NO. 25R-03-81**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL, FLORIDA, EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR HOUSE BILL 1361 AND SENATE BILL 1464 WHICH SEEK TO EXPAND PROGRAMS CONNECTING VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES TO CERTAIN SERVICES, BENEFITS AND SUPPORT AND URGING MEMBERS OF THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO SUPPORT THOSE BILLS; DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK TO TRANSMIT A CERTIFIED COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION TO THE BROWARD COUNTY LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION AND ANY OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY VICE MAYOR SARAI “RAY” MARTIN).**

WHEREAS, the state of Florida has approximately 1.4 million veterans and offers them and their families a myriad of benefits, including in-state tuition rates, enhanced property tax exemptions, and expanded veterans’ preferences for many activities and occupations; and

WHEREAS, the services provided in Florida are meant to augment and not duplicate those provided by the federal government; and

WHEREAS, only half of the veterans in Florida are taking advantage of the services provided by the federal, state and local governments; and

WHEREAS, an increase in the quality and quantity of outreach opportunities linking veterans with earned benefits through the Department of Veterans’ Affairs will increase the quality of life for Florida veterans and their families; and

WHEREAS, House Bill 1361, sponsored by Representative Dunkley, and Senate Bill 1464, sponsored by Senator Wright, seek, among other things, to appropriate \$500,000 to the Department of Veterans’ Affairs to enhance and expand its Internet-based, mobile application, printed, social media, and in-person outreach programs through various means for the purpose of connecting veterans, their families and survivors with earned services available to them; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission of the City of Lauderhill believes that it is in the best interest of the City to express its support for House Bill 1361 and Senate Bill 1464.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL, FLORIDA:

SECTION 1. That the foregoing WHEREAS clauses are hereby adopted and incorporated herein.

SECTION 2. The City Commission of Lauderhill expresses its support for House Bill 1361 and Senate Bill 1464 and urges all members of the Florida Legislature to support the bills which will increase outreach efforts to Florida's veterans.

SECTION 3. The City Clerk is directed to transmit a certified copy of this Resolution to the Broward County Legislative Delegation and any other interested parties.

SECTION 4. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its passage and adoption.

PASSED AND APPROVED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.

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DENISE D. GRANT, MAYOR  
PRESIDING OFFICER

ATTEST:

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ANDREA M. ANDERSON, MMC  
CITY CLERK

MOTION \_\_\_\_\_  
SECOND \_\_\_\_\_

Approved as to Form

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