

RESOLUTION NO. 21R-04-88

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL
CONDEMNING HATE & EXTREMISM; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE
(REQUESTED BY MAYOR KEN THURSON)**

WHEREAS, the City of Lauderhill is committed to defending democratic institutions, the integrity of our elections, and the security of people and facilities that carry out the democratic process; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lauderhill is committed to ending the spread of hate, bigotry, and harassment based on race, color, religion, national origin, ethnicity, sex, gender, gender identity and expression, sexual orientation, disability, or any other protected characteristic as defined by law; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lauderhill wishes to affirm its commitment to the well-being and safety of all of its community members and to ensure that they will be protected and their rights respected; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lauderhill wishes to affirm its commitment to cultivating an inclusive community, including within the City`s operations and institutions; and

WHEREAS, the diversity of our community is beneficial to all within it, making us stronger and more resilient; and

WHEREAS, each of our elected leaders has the ability and obligation to promote inclusiveness; celebrate diversity; work to ensure equitable opportunities in all major facets of society; prevent the spread of misinformation and disinformation; and reject hate and bias in all forms and should set a positive example for their constituents in this regard; and

WHEREAS, the January 6, 2021 domestic terrorism incident at our nation`s Capitol does not reflect the values of the City of Lauderhill; and

WHEREAS, ADL`s report on Murder and Extremism in the United States in 2019 found that domestic extremists killed at least 42 people in the United States in 17 separate incidents in 2019, making 2019 the sixth deadliest year on record for domestic extremist-related killings since 1970; and

WHEREAS, the ADL report found that the extremist-related murders of 2019 were overwhelmingly (90%) linked to right-wing extremists, with all but one of the incidents tied to right-wing extremism, and 81% of extremist-related murders in 2019 committed by white supremacists specifically; and

WHEREAS, disinformation, misinformation, and online conspiracy theories such as QAnon are spreading and inspiring real-world violence; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lauderhill supports the peaceful exercise of free speech, free assembly, and freedom to worship safely for all people; and

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

SECTION 1. The City of Lauderhill affirms its ongoing commitment to cultivating an inclusive, safe, and just society and culture – including within the City of Lauderhill operations and institutions – that values the diversity of our community, works to ensure equitable opportunities in all major facets of society, and celebrates both our individuality and commonality.

SECTION 2. The City of Lauderhill denounces the January 6, 2021 domestic terrorism incident at our nation`s Capitol.

SECTION 3. The City of Lauderhill denounces anti-government extremism, white supremacy, racism, antisemitism, misogyny, Islamophobia, anti-LGBTQ+ hate, ableism, and all hateful speech and bias-motivated violent actions in our community.

SECTION 4. The City of Lauderhill denounces extremist conspiracy theories, misinformation, and disinformation that cultivate an alienated and mistrustful electorate, undermine democratic institutions and processes, and increase the likelihood of violence.

SECTION 5. The City of Lauderhill denounces attempts to exploit governmental procedure and basic government functions for personal political gain.

SECTION 6. The City of Lauderhill commits to fostering an environment within the City`s operations and institutions that does not tolerate anti-government extremist, white supremacist, racist, antisemitic, misogynist, Islamophobic, anti-LGBTQ+, ableist, and other hateful speech and actions.

SECTION 7. The City of Lauderhill commits to countering hate and extremism by offering an ongoing public lecture series on anti-bias and anti-racist strategies.

SECTION 8. The City of Lauderhill commits to countering hate and extremism through engagement with community leaders, governmental transparency and public information-sharing regarding efforts to fight extremism, and the investigation and prosecution of those who commit criminal acts, consistent with civil liberties protections.

SECTION 9. The City of Lauderhill urges residents to join us by adopting these values in their own lives, calling attention to these harms, and denouncing hate and extremism to help keep us all safe.

SECTION 10. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage and adoption.

DATED this _____ day of _____, 2021.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on first reading this _____ day of _____,
2021.

PRESIDING OFFICER

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

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