

**RESOLUTION NO. 24R-09-234**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL SUPPORTING ISRAEL WHILE ACKNOWLEDGING THE ONE-YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF WHEN THE ISRAELI HOSTAGES WERE CAPTURED; REAFFIRMING ITS CONDEMNATION OF TERRORISM, HATE, EXTREMISM, DISCRIMINATION AND ANTISEMITISM; AFFIRMING ITS COMMITMENT TO THE SAFETY, WELL-BEING AND CULTURAL UNDERSTANDING OF ALL PERSONS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY CITY COMMISSION)**

WHEREAS, the City of Lauderhill has previously passed resolutions condemning hate, extremism, discrimination and antisemitism, as well as supporting the safety and well-being of all persons; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lauderhill is committed to ending the spread of terrorism, 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 acts of killing, raping, and kidnapping innocent men, women and/or children on October 7, 2023 by the Hamas terrorist group against Israel are to be condemned; and

WHEREAS, President Joe Biden unequivocally condemns this appalling assault against Israel by Hamas terrorists from Gaza; and

WHEREAS, divisive acts against individuals on the basis of race, religion, culture, or otherwise promulgate hatred and the City of Lauderhill calls for all leaders and all residents to put aside their differences and unite to denounce and condemn such acts and take a stance against death and destruction; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lauderhill wishes to reaffirm 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, the City of Lauderhill values and cherishes the diversity of its residents, recognizing the importance of fostering a safe and inclusive environment for all individuals, regardless of their ethnicities, cultural heritage, or religious beliefs; and

WHEREAS, it is essential to proactively promote community cohesion, understanding, and unity among all residents, fostering an atmosphere of respect, empathy, and appreciation for one another's backgrounds and experiences; and

WHEREAS, community enrichment programs and gatherings are powerful tools for nurturing relationships, fostering dialogue, and building bridges among diverse communities; and

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

WHEREAS, the City of Lauderhill acknowledges the one-year anniversary of when the hostages were first taken into custody and the pain and anguish it has caused, and continues to cause, to the victims, and their families, friends, and the Jewish communities, among others;

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

SECTION 1. The City of Lauderhill supports Israel and acknowledges the one-year anniversary of when the hostages were captured in Israel.

SECTION 2. 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 3. The City of Lauderhill denounces terrorism, anti-government extremism, racism, antisemitism, and all hateful speech and bias-motivated violent actions in our community.

SECTION 4. The City of Lauderhill reaffirms its unwavering commitment to the safety, well-being, and equal treatment of all residents and individuals of diverse ethnicities, religions, and cultural heritage.

SECTION 5. The City of Lauderhill will actively promote community cohesion, understanding, and unity through various initiatives and programs that encourage dialogue, cultural exchange, and collaboration among residents.

SECTION 6. The City of Lauderhill encourages meaningful conversations to promote understanding, and strengthen relationships between different racial, cultural, and religious groups.

SECTION 7. The City of Lauderhill supports the development and implementation of community enrichment programs and gatherings that celebrate diversity, foster cultural understanding, and promote unity and oneness among its residents.

**SECTION 8.** The City of Lauderhill encourages residents, community organizations, and institutions to actively participate in and support initiatives that promote dialogue, cultural exchange, and unity among diverse communities.

**SECTION 9.** That a copy of this resolution shall be distributed to the Jewish Federation, the Black Jewish Alliance, the Synagogue of Inverrary-Chabad, and the 770 Moshiach Center, and other interested organizations working towards promoting cultural understanding and unity in Lauderhill.

**SECTION 10.** 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 11.** This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage and adoption.

DATED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on first reading this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024.

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