RESOLUTION NO. 25R-03-79

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL, FLORIDA STRONGLY OPPOSING THE PROPOSED FEDERAL CUTS TO THE SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM ("SNAP"); DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK TO TRANSMIT A CERTIFIED COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION TO FLORIDA UNITED STATES SENATORS, BROWARD COUNTY MEMBERS OF THE UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES; FLORIDA LEAGUE OF CITIES; BROWARD LEAGUE OF CITIES AND ANY OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES AND GROUPS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY COMMISSIONER MELISSA P. DUNN).

Whereas, the federal government is considering devastating cuts to critical public healthcare, nutrition, and economic security programs that serve as a lifeline for millions of low- and moderate-income families in the City of Lauderhill and across the nation; and

Whereas, Congress recently passed a budget resolution that directed cuts in safety net programs to at least One (1) Billion Dollars through 2034, where these cuts are expected to come largely or entirely from the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program ("SNAP"); and

Whereas, SNAP and other essential federal programs provide critical food and financial assistance to hundreds of thousands of Floridians, ensuring children, expectant mothers, and struggling families do not go hungry, yet these programs are under attack under the false guise of reducing dependency; and

Whereas, the specific policies that Congress will pursue to make cuts to programs like SNAP are still unknown, but it is widely expected these policies will slash benefits received under the SNAP; and

Whereas, cutting SNAP and other essential programs would disproportionately harm Florida's poorest families, particularly communities of color, exacerbating existing inequities and reversing decades of progress in reducing food insecurity in cities like Lauderhill; and

Whereas, recent data reflects that 24.8% of households in Lauderhill received SNAP benefits and cuts in SNAP benefits will significantly impact residents of the City; and

Whereas, the City Commission vigorously opposes any federal actions to reduce funding for SNAP and other essential programs that protect Florida's most vulnerable residents; and

Whereas, the City Commission calls upon our federal representatives to stand unwaveringly against these cuts and champion policies that prioritize health equity, food security, and economic stability for all families in Florida; and

Whereas, the City Commission of Lauderhill stands in solidarity with advocates across the state in urging Congress to protect SNAP and other critical programs and to understand the devastating consequences these cuts would impose on families.

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 strongly opposes the proposed federal cuts to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program ("SNAP") and other critical programs that serve as a lifeline for millions of low and moderate-income families in the City of Lauderhill and across the nation.

SECTION 3. The City Clerk is directed to transmit a copy of this Resolution to the Florida United States Senators, the Broward County Members of the United States House of Representatives, the Florida League of Cities, the Broward League of Cities, and other interested parties and groups.

SECTION 4. This Resolution shall become effective upon its passage.

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

R. CAMPBELL _____
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Hans Ottinot
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