

RESOLUTION NO. 26R-01-13

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL, FLORIDA
EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE ENACTMENT OF THE CONGRESSIONAL
LEGISLATION ENTITLED “THE JOHN R. LEWIS VOTING RIGHTS ADVANCEMENT
ACT” AND “FREEDOM TO VOTE ACT”; DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK TO SEND A
COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION TO APPROPRIATE PARTIES; AND PROVIDING FOR AN
EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY COMMISSIONER MELISSA DUNN).**

WHEREAS, the purpose of the John R. Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act (JRLVRAA) was to restore and modernize the protections of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, which were impacted by decisions issued by federal courts, and these protections include ensuring equal access to the ballot box regardless of race or background; and

WHEREAS, the John R. Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act (JRLVRAA) as House Resolution Fourteen (H.R. 14) was reintroduced in the 119th United States Congress (2025-2027) by U.S. Representative Terri Sewell (Democrat, AL-07) on March 5, 2025, on the 60th Anniversary of Bloody Sunday; and

WHEREAS, the John R. Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act (JRLVRAA) was reintroduced in the 119th United States Congress (2025-2027) by U.S. Senators Dick Durbin (Democrat, Illinois) and Raphael Warnock (Democrat, Georgia) as Senate Bill Four (S.4) on July 29, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Freedom to Vote Act (FTVA) as House Resolution Eleven (H.R.11) which former Congressman John R. Lewis authored the first three hundred (300) pages, was last introduced in the 117th Congress (2021-2023) by U.S. Representative John P. Sarbanes (Democrat, MD-03) on July 18, 2023; as well as by U.S. Senator Amy Klobuchar (Democrat, Minnesota) as Senate Bill One (S.1) on July 25, 2023.

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

SECTION 1. That the City Commission supports the enactment and execution of the congressional legislation, the John R. Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act (JRLVRAA), and the Freedom to Vote Act (FTVA).

SECTION 2. That the recognition of the work and lifelong legacy of former Congressman John R. Lewis, and that the City of Lauderhill, Florida will “Get in good trouble, necessary trouble” as we acknowledge his extraordinary dedication to the cause of civil and human rights.

SECTION 3. That City Commission directs the City Clerk to provide a copy of this Resolution to Congressional Delegation from Broward County, Speaker of the House, Minority Leader of the

House of Representatives, Majority Leader of the U.S. Senate, Minority Leader of the U.S. Senate, Senators Rick Scott and Ashley Moody.

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

PASSED AND APPROVED this _____ day of _____, 2026.

DENISE D. GRANT, MAYOR
PRESIDING OFFICER

ATTEST:

ANDREA M. ANDERSON, MMC
CITY CLERK

MOTION _____
SECOND _____

Approved as to Form

R. CAMPBELL _____
M. DUNN _____
D. GRANT _____
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City Attorney