

RESOLUTION NO. 26R-03-72

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL, FLORIDA, EXPRESSING STRONG OPPOSITION TO SENATE BILL 1134 AND HOUSE BILL 1001 WHICH SEEK TO ELIMINATE THE ABILITY OF CITIES AND COUNTIES TO FUND OR TAKE ANY OFFICIAL ACTION AS IT RELATES TO "DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION"; DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK TO TRANSMIT A CERTIFIED COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION TO THE FLORIDA LEAGUE OF CITIES AND ANY OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES; PROVIDING FOR TRANSMITTAL AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY COMMISSIONER MELISSA P. DUNN).

WHEREAS, the City Commission opposes the Florida Legislature's adoption of Senate Bill 1134 and House Bill 1001 as these bills would severely restrict the City's ability to respond to constituent needs, fund community programming, and to buy goods and services from the lowest and best bidders, thereby undermining the public procurement process; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission find that the bill is overly broad and ill-defined stating that a city or county "may not fund or promote, directly or indirectly, or take any official action" as it relates to "diversity, equity, and inclusion"; and

WHEREAS, the phrase "diversity, equity, and inclusion" is defined to include "any effort to... [p]romote or adopt training, programming, or activities designed or implemented with reference to race, color, sex, ethnicity, gender identity, or sexual orientation"; and

WHEREAS, the over-breadth of the language in the proposed legislation leaves more questions than provides equitable solutions for Floridians; and

WHEREAS, as currently drafted, it is questionable as to a city's ability to participate in routine celebrations and observances of National recognized holidays such as Black History Month and Women's History Month; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 1134 and House Bill 1001 create a private cause of action that will expose cities and counties to frivolous and costly litigation; and

WHEREAS, section 3 of the bill would require a municipality to reject the lowest and best bid for a city contract if the bidder refuses to certify that it will not use municipal funds for DEI instruction to its employees, contractors, volunteers, vendors, or agents, potentially resulting in higher expenditures by the municipality and its taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission of the City of Lauderhill believes that it is in the best interest of the City to express its strong opposition to Senate Bill 1134 and Hose Bill 1001.

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. That the City Commission of the City of Lauderhill, Florida, urge all members of the Florida Legislature to oppose Senate Bill 1134 and House Bill 1001 which seek to eliminate the ability of municipalities and counties to fund or take any official action as it relates to "diversity, equity, and inclusion."

SECTION 3. The City Clerk is directed to transmit a certified copy of this Resolution to the President of the Florida Senate, Speaker of the Florida House of Representatives, and the Broward County Legislative Delegation.

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

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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S. MARTIN _____

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City Attorney