

RESOLUTION NO. 23R-06-136

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL, FLORIDA SUPPORTING THE 2023 JCC MACCABI GAMES & ACCESS HOSTED BY THE DAVID POSNACK JCC AND OCCURRING AUGUST 6-11, 2023 AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS THROUGHOUT BROWARD COUNTY; AUTHORIZING THE CITY CLERK TO TRANSMIT THIS RESOLUTION; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY COMMISSIONER LAWRENCE "JABBOW" MARTIN AND COMMISSIONER DENISE D. GRANT)

WHEREAS, the JCC Maccabi Games, an Olympic-style sporting competition held each summer in North America, is the largest organized sports program for Jewish teenagers throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, the JCC Maccabi Games & ACCESS is a unique program that invites Jewish teens and young adults {ages 12-22} with intellectual and developmental disabilities to participate in JCC Maccabi ACCESS; and

WHEREAS, the first North American JCC Maccabi Games were held in 1982 with 800 athletes. This year, the JCC Maccabi Games & ACCESS {Games} will bring nearly 2,000 athletes from around the world to Broward County, plus 300 local Broward County athletes, 100 ACCESS athletes, 400 coaches, 1500 local Broward County volunteers, 600 visiting families, 400 Broward County host families and as many as 10,000+ spectators, the lion's share residing in various municipalities throughout Broward County; and

WHEREAS, the JCC Maccabi Games & ACCESS are an opportunity to showcase what a great place Broward County is for young athletes and their families; and

WHEREAS, this week-long, multi-sport event will utilize venues throughout Broward County that will include Nova Southeastern University, FLA Live Arena, Broward County Parks & Recreation facilities, Broward County Public Schools facilities, and Municipal Recreation facilities. The sports competitions include baseball, basketball, dance, flag football, ice hockey, soccer, swimming, table tennis, tennis, star reporter, and volleyball; and

WHEREAS, in addition to competitive events, the Games will also: create exceptional opportunities for teens to assume leadership roles and to engage in meaningful charitable activities through JCC Cares; develop future community leaders; provide inclusion and social opportunities; strengthen family and community relationships; showcase local tourist attractions; and create community building opportunities with law enforcement agencies and municipal county governments; and

WHEREAS, the JCC Cares program is an integral part of the JCC Maccabi Games & ACCESS experience as this unique program allows the athletes to participate in various hands-on community service projects. The JCC Cares program incorporates the highly valued American concept of community service and is closely tied to the fundamental Jewish practice of Tikkun Olam (repairing the world), which obligates us to make a difference in the lives of others who may be less fortunate than ourselves; and

WHEREAS, this monumental endeavor requires the commitment of more than 1,500 volunteers to give their time and open their homes to thousands of Jewish teenage athletes who want to engage in athletic competition and community service over the course of five days; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lauderhill's involvement in the 2023 JCC Maccabi Games & ACCESS will contribute to creating a lasting legacy throughout South Florida and making a meaningful difference in the lives of our children; and

WHEREAS, the hosting of the 2023 JCC Maccabi Games & ACCESS will have a positive economic boost for the businesses in Broward County with an estimated economic impact for South Florida businesses, tourism and entertainment in the amount of 4 million dollars that includes 4,000+ hotel night stays;

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

Section 1. The above recitals are hereby adopted as true and correct and as the legislative findings relative to the subjects and matters set forth in this Resolution.

Section 2. The City of Lauderhill hereby supports the efforts of the David Posnack Jewish Community Center to host the 2023 JCC Maccabi Games & ACCESS and urges other Broward municipalities, the Broward League of Cities, The School Board of Broward County, the Broward County Commission and the Broward Legislative Delegation to support the 2023 JCC Maccabi Games & ACCESS.

Section 3. The City Clerk of the City of Lauderhill is hereby directed to provide copies of this Resolution to: the David Posnack Jewish Community Center, the Broward League of Cities, the Broward Legislative Delegation, Broward County municipalities, the Broward County Commission, and The School Board of Broward County.

Section 4. All resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict with any of the provisions of this Resolution are hereby repealed.

Section 5. If any provision of this Resolution or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, it is the intent of the City Commission that such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or application and, to this end, the provisions of this Resolution are declared severable.

Section 6. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

DATED this _____ day of _____, 2023.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on first reading this _____ day of _____, 2023.

PRESIDING OFFICER

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

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