

**RESOLUTION NO. 25R-01-09**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL, FLORIDA, HONORING ERNST "ZENONO" JEAN-BAPTISTE FOR HIS EXCEPTIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE HAITIAN COMMUNITY AND HIS REPRESENTATION OF HAITI ON THE SOCCER FIELD; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY MAYOR DENISE GRANT).**

WHEREAS, Ernst "ZeNoNo" Jean-Baptiste, born April 18, 1956, in Limbe, Haiti, has made significant contributions to soccer and to the Haitian community and people, embodying the spirit of unity and strength through his remarkable contributions both on and off the soccer field; and

WHEREAS, as a prominent athlete, Jean-Baptiste has represented Haiti with pride, fostering a sense of identity and resilience among the Haitian diaspora; and

WHEREAS, his commitment to promoting cultural awareness, social cohesion, and community development has made a positive impact on the lives of many individuals in Lauderhill and beyond; and

WHEREAS, Jean-Baptiste's efforts in various charitable initiatives have provided vital support to those in need, further exemplifying his dedication to uplift and empower the Haitian community; and

WHEREAS, as a product of the first youth academy in the CONCACAF, V.S.C. VICTORY SPORTIF CLUB, he has won numerous trophies and awards as a team captain and leader, showcasing his skills from the 4<sup>th</sup> to 1st Division; and

WHEREAS, Jean-Baptiste has played for and coached the Haitian national team, demonstrating his commitment to the sport and his country; and

WHEREAS, Jean-Baptiste excelled at Miami-Dade College, winning the national tournament, being voted tournament MVP, and earning All-American honors, further solidifying his legacy in collegiate soccer; and

WHEREAS, his coaching career includes significant roles at Miami-Dade College and Broward College, as well as coaching the Haitian International soccer team in the prestigious Copa Latina tournament, where he led the team to an unprecedented five championships and earned recognition as a Hall of Fame coach; and

WHEREAS, the City of Miami has honored Jean-Baptiste by naming a soccer field in his name, acknowledging his invaluable contributions to the sport of soccer, particularly South Florida; and

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

SECTION 1. That the above recitations are true and hereby incorporated herein.

SECTION 2. That the City Commission of the City of Lauderhill hereby honors Ernst “ZeNoNo” Jean-Baptiste for his outstanding contributions to the Haitian community in South Florida and around the world and his exemplary representation of Haiti on the soccer field.

SECTION 3. That the City Commission of the City of Lauderhill expresses its intention to present Ernst “ZeNoNo” Jean-Baptiste with a key to the City of Lauderhill as a symbol of appreciation for his invaluable service and dedication to South Florida.

SECTION 4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately 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  
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