

RESOLUTION NO. 25R-06-98

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL, FLORIDA, AWARDING THE KEY TO THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL TO THE HONORABLE MATTHEW J. "MATT" MEADOWS POSTHUMOUSLY FOR HIS COMMITMENT TO SERVING THE RESIDENTS OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL AND THE LARGER COMMUNITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY MAYOR DENISE GRANT).

WHEREAS, the Honorable Matthew J. "Matt" Meadows was born on September 5, 1938 in Ft. Pierce, Florida and lived in the City of Lauderhill until he died on May 7, 2025, and

WHEREAS, prior to his death, Mr. Meadows dedicated his life to serving the residents of Lauderhill and Broward County by serving as an educator and a member of the Florida Legislature; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Meadows was first elected to the Lauderhill City Council in 1986 and served until 1992, and thereafter he was first elected to the Florida House of Representatives in 2000 and served four successive terms; and

WHEREAS, from 1992 to 1998, Mr. Meadows served as a member of the Florida Senate, and during his time in the Senate, Mr. Meadows was a part of the effort to pay reparations to the descendants of the victims of the Rosewood massacre where a white mob killed the numerous residents of Rosewood and destroyed the town; and

WHEREAS, the Rosewood's reparation bill made Florida one of the first states in the United States to tackle the issue of monetary compensation for past racial violence; and

WHEREAS, the legacy of Mr. Meadows and his dedication and commitment to public service have made a profound impact on residents of Lauderhill and the larger community; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission of the City of Lauderhill is proud to honor individuals who contributed positively to the community and the broader society through their dedication to public service.

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 awards a Key to the City Lauderhill posthumously to the Honorable Matthew J. "Matt" Meadows in recognition

of his unwavering commitment to serving the residents of the City of Lauderhill and the larger community.

SECTION 3. That the City Commission of the City of Lauderhill presents a copy of this Resolution to the family of Honorable Matthew J. "Matt" Meadows as a token of the City's appreciation for his remarkable contributions to the City of Lauderhill.

SECTION 4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage.

PASSED AND APPROVED this _____ day of _____, 2025.

DENISE D. GRANT, MAYOR
PRESIDING OFFICER

ATTEST:

ANDREA M. ANDERSON, MMC
CITY CLERK

MOTION _____
SECOND _____

R. CAMPBELL _____
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D. GRANT _____
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Approved as to Form

Hans Ottinot
Interim City Attorney