

RESOLUTION NO. 26R-02-41

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL, FLORIDA, EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR HOUSE BILL 393 AND SENATE BILL 450 (2026), WHICH REMOVE THE LIMITATION ON THE VALUE OF A TAX EXEMPTION THAT A SURVIVING SPOUSE OF A DISABLED VETERAN MAY TRANSFER TO A NEW HOMESTEAD RESIDENCE AND REVISING THE DATES FROM WHICH THE EXEMPTION IS GRANTED; DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK TO TRANSMIT A CERTIFIED COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE FLORIDA SENATE, THE SPEAKER OF THE FLORIDA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, AND THE BROWARD COUNTY LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY MAYOR DENISE D. GRANT AND COMMISSIONER SARAI "RAY" MARTIN).

WHEREAS, under Florida law, a surviving spouse of a permanently and totally disabled veteran is entitled to the veteran's exemption from ad valorem tax upon the death of his or her spouse relating to their homestead property; and

WHEREAS, a surviving spouse of a disabled veteran, however, is unable to transfer the full exemption to a new Homestead property if he or she sells his or her current Homestead property; and

WHEREAS, currently, a surviving spouse of a disabled veteran can transfer the veteran's exemption, subject to a monetary cap; and

WHEREAS, House Bill 393 and Senate Bill 450 intend to remove the monetary cap on the amount of an ad valorem tax exemption that may be transferred to the surviving spouse upon the purchase of a new Homestead property, and revise the dates from which a surviving spouse may be able to claim the exemption upon the purchase of a new Homestead property; and

WHEREAS, the surviving spouses of military veterans are unsung heroes, and they should be able to transfer their existing tax exemptions without any cap for a new Homestead property; and

WHEREAS, House Bill 393 and Senate Bill 450 are Bills benefiting military families that require our support for their sacrifices to our country; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission of the City of Lauderhill believes that supporting House Bill 393 and Senate Bill 450 is in the best interest of the City and its residents.

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. The City Commission of the City of Lauderhill hereby expresses support for House Bill 393 and Senate Bill 450.

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 _____
J. HODGSON _____
S. MARTIN _____

Hans Ottinot
City Attorney