

**RESOLUTION NO. 26R-03-73**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL, BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA, EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR FLORIDA SENATE BILL 1072 CREATING A STATEWIDE ANTISEMITISM TASK FORCE; RECOGNIZING THE NEED FOR COORDINATED ACTION TO COMBAT ANTISEMITISM IN FLORIDA; URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO ENACT THE LEGISLATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY COMMISSIONER MELISSA P. DUNN).**

WHEREAS, the City of Lauderhill is home to a diverse and vibrant community, including a significant Jewish population that contributes to the cultural, civic, and economic vitality of South Florida; and

WHEREAS, on October 7, 2023, the terrorist organization Hamas carried out a brutal attack in Israel that resulted in the murder of civilians and the kidnapping of hostages, an event widely condemned by democratic governments around the world; and

WHEREAS, following the October 7th attacks, Jewish communities in the United States and in Florida have reported a significant increase in antisemitic threats, harassment, intimidation, and acts of vandalism targeting Jewish individuals, synagogues, schools, and community institutions; and

WHEREAS, South Florida is home to one of the largest Jewish populations in the United States, and protecting Jewish residents, houses of worship, schools, and community centers is essential to maintaining public safety, religious freedom, and community stability; and

WHEREAS, communities across South Florida, including Lauderhill and neighboring cities in Broward and Miami-Dade counties, have experienced incidents involving antisemitic vandalism, intimidation, and the distribution of antisemitic propaganda targeting Jewish residents and institutions; and

WHEREAS, in 2025 the Lauderhill Police Department investigated antisemitic graffiti spray-painted near a synagogue in the city, an incident that deeply disturbed residents and underscored the need for continued vigilance against hate-motivated acts; and

WHEREAS, additional incidents reported in nearby South Florida communities have included antisemitic propaganda distributed in residential neighborhoods and antisemitic intimidation directed toward Jewish residents and institutions, incidents which have been investigated by local law-enforcement agencies; and

WHEREAS, law-enforcement agencies including local police departments, the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE), the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), and the United States Department of Justice Civil Rights Division play critical roles in investigating and

prosecuting hate crimes targeting religious communities; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Legislature is currently considering Senate Bill 1072, sponsored by Senator Alexis Calatayud and co-introduced by Senator Jason Pizzo, which proposes the creation of a statewide Antisemitism Task Force within the Office of Civil Rights of the Florida Department of Legal Affairs; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 1072 provides that the task force will conduct a comprehensive review of antisemitism in Florida, identify the threat it poses to Floridians, strengthen coordination between state and local governments and Jewish communities, evaluate existing hate-crime laws, assess antisemitism in schools and universities, and recommend policies and strategies to combat antisemitism; and

WHEREAS, the proposed task force will bring together representatives from law enforcement, education, civil-rights experts, Jewish community organizations, and representatives of cities and counties across Florida in order to provide coordinated policy recommendations to the Governor and Legislature; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission recognizes the leadership of Senator Alexis Calatayud, sponsor of Senate Bill 1072, and Senator Jason Pizzo, co-introducer of the legislation, for advancing a proposal that seeks to strengthen coordination among state agencies, local governments, law-enforcement partners, educators, and Jewish community organizations to combat antisemitism across the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission finds that the establishment of a statewide Antisemitism Task Force will enhance coordination among state agencies, local governments, law-enforcement partners, educators, and community organizations in identifying and responding to antisemitic threats and incidents; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission of the City of Lauderhill recognizes the importance of cooperation between local governments and the State of Florida in protecting residents from hate-motivated crimes and ensuring the safety and civil rights of all communities; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lauderhill stands firmly against antisemitism and all forms of hatred and discrimination and remains committed to protecting the safety and dignity of all 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 hereby expresses its support for Florida Senate Bill 1072, which establishes a statewide Antisemitism Task Force to examine antisemitism in Florida and recommend policies to strengthen prevention, education, and law enforcement coordination.

SECTION 3. The City Commission respectfully urges the Florida Legislature to enact Senate Bill 1072 in order to strengthen statewide coordination among state agencies, local governments, law-enforcement partners, and community organizations and to improve strategies to combat antisemitism and protect the safety and civil rights of Florida residents.

SECTION 4. The City Clerk is directed to transmit a copy of this Resolution to the Governor of Florida, the President of the Florida Senate, the Speaker of the Florida House of Representatives, Senator Alexis Calatayud, Senator Jason Pizzo, and the members of the Broward County Legislative Delegation.

SECTION 5 This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its passage and approval.

PASSED AND APPROVED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2026.

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DENISE D. GRANT, MAYOR  
PRESIDING OFFICER

ATTEST:

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ANDREA M. ANDERSON, MMC  
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