

RESOLUTION NO. 25R-10-208

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL, FLORIDA, EXPRESSING STRONG SUPPORT FOR SENATE BILL 178 TO PERMIT COACHES TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO PUBLIC K-12 STUDENT-ATHLETES; DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK TO SEND A CERTIFIED COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE FLORIDA SENATE AND SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE, SENATOR SHEVRIN JONES, AND BROWARD COUNTY LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY MAYOR DENISE GRANT).

WHEREAS, youth sports in the City of Lauderhill and other cities are major extracurricular activities that provide youth with an opportunity to develop mental and physical skills to be productive citizens and future leaders in the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lauderhill youth sports program is a cost-effective program that serves hundreds of children from economically challenged backgrounds by providing them with an outlet that builds discipline, teamwork, and leadership skills; and

WHEREAS, youth in underserved communities are unable to participate in youth sports programs unless they receive some form of financial assistance to pay for associated costs required to participate in the sports programs; and

WHEREAS, the rules of the Florida High School Athletic Association (“FHSAA”) prohibit coaches and teachers from providing financial or in-kind assistance to student-athletes who participate in sports at public high schools, and the coaches and schools are subject to severe penalties for violating the prohibition; and

WHEREAS, SB 178, sponsored by Senator Shevrin Jones, would allow coaches to provide financial help to public K-12 student-athletes for food, transportation, and health recovery services, and the coaches would be required to report any use of personal funds to the FHSAA; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lauderhill recognizes the importance of supporting youth sports and the lifelong impact that sports have upon youth in the City; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lauderhill is committed to working with coaches to enhance the experience of youth involved in sports in the City of Lauderhill; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission of the City of Lauderhill believes that it is in the best interest of the City to strongly support SB 178, which seeks to permit coaches to provide financial assistance in good faith to public K-12 student-athletes.

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 expresses its strong support for SB 178 to permit coaches to provide financial or in-kind assistance to public K-12 student-athletes in the State of Florida.

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 House, Senator Shevrin Jones, and Broward County Legislative Delegation.

SECTION 4. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its passage and adoption.

PASSED AND APPROVED this _____ day of _____, 2025.

DENISE D. GRANT, MAYOR
PRESIDING OFFICER

ATTEST:

ANDREA M. ANDERSON, MMC
CITY CLERK

MOTION _____
SECOND _____

Approved as to Form

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