

RESOLUTION NO. 26R-04-80

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING THE HOMES FOR EVERY LOCAL PROTECTOR, EDUCATOR, AND RESPONDER (“HELPER”) ACT. H.R.2904 AND S.978, ESTABLISHING A HOME LOAN PROGRAM TO MAKE HOMEOWNERSHIP MORE AFFORDABLE FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS, FIREFIGHTERS, EMTS, PARAMEDICS, AND TEACHERS; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER AND CITY ATTORNEY TO DO ALL THINGS NECESSARY TO EFFECTUATE THIS RESOLUTION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY COMMISSIONER SARAI “RAY” MARTIN).

WHEREAS, the Homes for Every Local Protector, Educator, and Responder (HELPER) Act. H.R.2904 and S.978 were introduced in March of 2025 as a bipartisan, bicameral bill, with endorsements from dozens of national, state, and local organizations; and elected officials; and

WHEREAS, the HELPER Act would establish a home loan program within the Federal Housing Administration to make homeownership more affordable for law enforcement officers, firefighters, EMTs, paramedics, and preK-12 teachers—our nation's first responders.; and

WHEREAS, first responders dedicate their lives to protecting and serving others and they frequently put their lives on the line to ensure their fellow Americans' safety and well-being. It is time to recognize their sacrifice by giving them the support they deserve. Under the Federal Housing Administration, this program would allow first responders to obtain low-interest, fully insured home loans with no down payment and no monthly mortgage insurance costs for a first-time home purchase; and

WHEREAS, our nation's first responders serve selflessly, often under dangerous and challenging conditions. We honor their dedication by providing access to affordable housing, enabling them to care for their families while continuing to serve their communities; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Commission of Lauderhill find that it is in the best interest of the residents of the City of Lauderhill to support H.R.2904 and S.978 and strongly urge the federal government to pass the HELPER Act.

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

SECTION 1: The Mayor and City Commission of Lauderhill hereby express their support for H.R.2904 and S.978 and strongly urge the federal government to pass the HELPER Act to establish a home loan program within the Federal Housing Administration

to make homeownership more affordable for law enforcement officers, firefighters, EMTs, paramedics, and preK-12 teachers.

SECTION 2: That the City Clerk is directed to distribute this Resolution to Senators Ashley Moody and Rick Scott, and the Broward County Congressional Delegation.

SECTION 3: The City Manager and City Attorney are authorized to do all things necessary to effectuate this Resolution.

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

PASSED AND APPROVED this 27th day of April 2026.

DENISE D. GRANT, MAYOR
PRESIDING OFFICER

ATTEST:

ANDREA M. ANDERSON, MMC
CITY CLERK

MOTION _____
SECOND _____

Approved as to Form

R. CAMPBELL _____
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Hans Ottinot
City Attorney