

RESOLUTION NO. 24R-09-229

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL, FLORIDA, CONDEMNING HATE SPEECH TOWARD THE HAITIAN COMMUNITY AND OTHER IMMIGRANT COMMUNITIES; REAFFIRMING THE CITY'S COMMITMENT TO DIVERSITY, INCLUSIVITY, AND EQUITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (REQUESTED BY VICE MAYOR LAWRENCE "JABBOW" MARTIN)

WHEREAS, the City of Lauderhill is home to a diverse and vibrant community, including a significant population of Haitian and other immigrant communities who contribute meaningfully to the cultural, economic, and social fabric of our city; and

WHEREAS, our elected leaders have the ability and obligation to prevent the spread of misinformation and disinformation, reject hate and bias in all forms, promote inclusiveness, celebrate diversity, and work to ensure equitable opportunities for all residents; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lauderhill condemns the spread of negative or false depictions of the Haitian and other immigrant communities and is committed to ending hate, bigotry, and harassment based on race, color, religion, national origin, ethnicity, sex, gender, gender identity and expression, sexual orientation, or disability; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lauderhill will continue to be steadfast in its commitment to respecting and embracing the impactful contributions and rich cultural traditions of the Haitian community and all immigrant communities, as they are integral parts of the diverse landscape of these United States; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lauderhill wishes to affirm its commitment to cultivating an inclusive city where all individuals are held in high regard and dignity, with the understanding that the diversity of our community is a positive attribute that benefits everyone and makes us stronger and more resilient;

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

SECTION 1. The City of Lauderhill condemns hate speech, negative stereotypes, and misinformation directed toward the Haitian community and all other immigrant communities.

SECTION 2. The City of Lauderhill reaffirms its commitment to promoting inclusiveness, celebrating diversity, and ensuring equitable opportunities for all residents, regardless of their race, color, religion, national origin, ethnicity, sex, gender, gender identity and expression, sexual orientation, or disability.

SECTION 3. The City of Lauderdale recognizes and values the rich cultural heritage and contributions of the Haitian community and all immigrant communities and commits to supporting and protecting these communities from discrimination, hate, and bigotry.

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

DATED this _____ day of _____, 2024.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on first reading this _____ day of _____, 2024.

PRESIDING OFFICER

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

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