RESOLUTION NO. 25R-02-32

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL, FLORIDA, AWARDING THE KEY TO THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL TO THE HONORABLE OLIVIA "BABSY" GRANGE FOR HER CONTRIBUTIONS TO CULTURE, ENTERTAINMENT, WOMEN AND GENDER AFFAIRS, AND SPORTS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY MAYOR DENISE GRANT).

WHEREAS, the Honorable Olivia "Babsy" Grange, MP, CD, has served as the Member of Parliament for St. Catherine Central in Jamaica since 1997, demonstrating a steadfast commitment to the people of Jamaica and the advancement of cultural initiatives; and

WHEREAS, as the Minister of Information, Youth, Sports & Culture since 2007, she has been a powerful advocate for women and gender affairs, entertainment, community development, and special projects, working tirelessly to uplift and empower individuals and communities; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Grange has held several distinguished positions, including Minister of State in the Office of the Prime Minister (1985-1989) and Government Senator and Parliamentary Secretary for Information and Culture (1983-1985), showcasing her extensive experience in public service; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of her significant contributions to the Jamaican music industry, cultural development, and public service, Ms. Grange was awarded the Order of Distinction in the rank of Commander ("CD") in 2015; and

WHEREAS, as the first Champion for Culture for the Caribbean Community ("CARICOM") appointed in June 2009, she advocated for capacity building within cultural industries, cultural institutions, and individual artists, enhancing the region's cultural landscape; and

WHEREAS, a cultural activist at heart, Ms. Grange has dedicated her life to developing and managing talent, serving as an artist, director, event planner, and a staunch supporter of Jamaica's creative and cultural industries, notably contributing to the development of the Reggae and Dancehall music industry in Jamaica, Canada, and the United States; and

WHEREAS, through her work, Minister Grange has significantly impacted the Jamaican diaspora in Lauderhill, fostering a deep respect for the Jamaican community that is left both locally and worldwide; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lauderhill is proud to be home to a large population of Jamaican-American residents, and Minister Grange's commitment to preserving Jamaican culture and reggae music has strengthened cultural ties and enriched our community; and

WHEREAS, during her visit to Lauderhill in 2019, Minister Grange engaged our community with a powerful speech regarding the importance of arts, culture, and sports, inspiring many to continue the legacy of cultural pride, and activism; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lauderhill is proud to honor individuals who significantly contribute to the growth and development of culture and society through their dedication and service.

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

SECTION 1. That the above recitations are true and hereby incorporated herein.

SECTION 2. That the City Commission of the City of Lauderhill hereby awards a Key to the City Lauderhill to the Honorable Olivia "Babsy" Grange in recognition of her outstanding contributions to culture, gender, entertainment, and sport, and her unwavering commitment to preserving the rich cultural heritage of Jamaica and reggae music.

SECTION 3. That the City Commission of the City of Lauderhill presents a copy of this Resolution to the Honorable Olivia "Babsy" Grange as a symbol of the City's appreciation for her remarkable contributions to cultural heritage and public service, which have deeply impacted the City of Lauderhill and diaspora.

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

PASSED AND APPROVED this _____ day of _____, 2025.

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DENISE D. GRANT, MAYOR
PRESIDING OFFICER

ATTEST:

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ANDREA M. ANDERSON, MMC
CITY CLERK

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Approved as to Form

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Interim City Attorney