RESOLUTION NO. 24-144

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA, APPROVING A SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE OFFICE OF THE STATE COURTS ADMINISTRATOR AND THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE, AUTHORIZING THE ACTING CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT, AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Fort Lauderdale's Community Court was developed in collaboration with the Seventeenth Judicial Circuit Court of Florida, Broward County, Broward County Clerk of Courts, the Office of the Public Defender, the State Attorney's Office, and several service and treatment providers; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of Community Court is to address low-level misdemeanor offenses and violations of municipal ordinance by providing community service opportunities in lieu of incarceration; and

WHEREAS, the City of Fort Lauderdale has incurred costs in operating the Community Court; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Legislature appropriated \$100,000.00 in Chapter 2023-239, Section 7, Line 3313 to the Judicial Branch to fund the operational expenses of the weekly Community Court sessions; and

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

<u>SECTION 1</u>. That the City Commission approves a Settlement Agreement between the Office of the State Courts Administrator and the City of Fort Lauderdale in substantially the form attached to City Commission Agenda Memo #24-0750 ("Settlement Agreement"), and authorizes the Acting City Manager to execute the Settlement Agreement and any other documents required to accept state funds.

SECTION 2. That this Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its final passage.

ADOPTED this 20th day of August, 2024.

Mayor

DEAN J. TRANTALIS

ATTEST:

City Clerk DAVID R. SOLOMAN

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND CORRECTNESS:

City Attorney

THOMAS J. ANSBRO

Dean J. Trantalis

Yea

John C. Herbst

Yea

Steven Glassman

Yea

Pamela Beasley-Pittman Yea

Warren Sturman

Yea