RESOLUTION NO. 25-33

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING THE PARTICIPATION ARBOR DAY CITY'S IN THE FOUNDATION'S TREE CITY USA CERTIFICATION AND THE NATIONAL WILDLIFE FEDERATION MAYOR'S MONARCH **AUTHORIZING** SUBMITTAL PLEDGE: AND APPLICATIONS FOR THESE PROGRAMS AND THE SIGNING OF ANY DOCUMENTS NECESSARY FOR SUBMITTAL BY THE MAYOR OR DESIGNEE; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, for 45 years, the City of Fort Lauderdale ("City") has been designated by the Arbor Day Foundation as meeting all criteria to qualify as a Tree City USA.; and

WHEREAS, since 2021, the City of Fort Lauderdale has submitted the Mayor's Monarch Pledge to the National Wildlife Federation; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida ("City Commission") finds that its natural resources including landscaping, trees, and wildlife habitats are vital parts of the City's environment and infrastructure, providing numerous environmental, economic, and social benefits through the provision of natural processes for managing water and creating healthier urban environments that create habitat, provide flood protection, cleaner air, and cleaner water; and

WHEREAS, annual certification in the Tree City USA program and annual participation in the Mayor's Monarch Pledge demonstrates the City's continued commitment to growing and enhancing its tree canopy and wildlife habitats;

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

<u>SECTION 1</u>. That the City Commission of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, hereby expresses its support for the City of Fort Lauderdale's continued participation in the Arbor Day Foundation's Tree City USA program and submittal of the annual Tree City USA applications by the Mayor or designee.

<u>SECTION 2</u>. That the City Commission of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, hereby expresses its support for the City's continued participation in the National Wildlife Federation's

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Mayor's Monarch Pledge and submittal of the annual Mayor's Monarch Pledges by the Mayor or designee.

<u>SECTION 3</u>. That if any clause, section, or other part of this Resolution shall be held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this Resolution shall not be affected thereby, but shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 4. That this Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its adoption.

ADOPTED this 4th day of March, 2025.

Mayor

DEAN J. TRANTALIS

ATTEST:

City Clerk

DAVID R. SOLOMAN

APPROVED AS TO FORM

AND CORRECTNESS:

Interim City Attorney

D'WAYNE M. SPENCE

Dean J. Trantalis

Yea

John C. Herbst

Yea

Steven Glassman

<u>Yea</u>

Yea

Pamela Beasley-Pittman

Ben Sorensen

Yea