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RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION NO. 14-

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING THE MANDATORY LABELING OF ALL GENETICALLY ENGINEERED PRODUCTS.

WHEREAS, the City of Fort Lauderdale values its citizens as stated in its "Fast Forward Fort Lauderdale Vision" and recognizes that consumers want information about the food they and their families consume; and

WHEREAS, the City of Fort Lauderdale values education, transparency and accessibility and recognizes that the labeling of genetically engineered foods serves to inform citizens; and

WHEREAS, there are 64 countries that enforce labeling laws for genetically engineered foods; and

WHEREAS, the states of Connecticut, Maine and Vermont have passed laws requiring the labeling of genetically engineered foods; and

WHEREAS, as of July 2014 more than 60 bills have been introduced in over 20 states to require genetically engineered labeling; and

WHEREAS, a 2013 *New York Times* poll found that 93 percent of U.S. consumers wanted all genetically engineered ingredients to be identified;

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

SECTION 1. That the City Commission of the City of Fort Lauderdale hereby supports mandatory labeling of all genetically engineered products.

ADOPTED this the _____ day of _____, 2014.

Mayor
JOHN P. "JACK" SEILER

ATTEST:

City Clerk
JONDA K. JOSEPH

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