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**EXHIBIT 1
RESOLUTION NO. 2025-**

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF HALLANDALE BEACH, FLORIDA SUPPORTING THE HOMES FOR EVERY LOCAL PROTECTOR, EDUCATOR, AND RESPONDER (HELPER) ACT. H.R.2904 AND S.978, ESTABLISHING A HOME LOAN PROGRAM TO MAKE HOMEOWNERSHIP MORE AFFORDABLE FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS, FIREFIGHTERS, EMTS, PARAMEDICS, AND TEACHERS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Homes for Every Local Protector, Educator, and Responder (HELPER) Act. H.R.2904 and S.978 were introduced in March of 2025 as a bipartisan, bicameral bill, with endorsements from dozens of national, state, and local organizations and elected officials; and

WHEREAS, the HELPER Act would establish a home loan program within the Federal Housing Administration to make homeownership more affordable for law enforcement officers, firefighters, EMTs, paramedics, and preK-12 teachers—our nation’s first responders.; and

WHEREAS, first responders dedicate their lives to protecting and serving others. They frequently put their lives on the line to ensure their fellow Americans' safety and well-being. It is time to recognize their sacrifice by giving them the support they deserve. Under the Federal Housing Administration, this program would allow first responders to obtain low-interest, fully insured home loans with no down payment and no monthly mortgage insurance costs for a first-time home purchase; and

WHEREAS, our nation’s first responders have shown unwavering commitment to their communities. They serve selflessly, often under dangerous and challenging conditions. We honor their dedication by providing access to affordable housing, enabling them to care for their families while continuing to serve their communities; and

36 **WHEREAS**, the Mayor and City Commission find that it is in the best interest of the
37 residents of the City of Hallandale Beach to support H.R.2904 and S.978 and strongly urge
38 the federal government to pass the HELPER Act.

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40 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND THE CITY**
41 **COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF HALLANDALE BEACH, FLORIDA:**

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43 **SECTION 1.** The foregoing “Whereas” clauses are incorporated herein.

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45 **SECTION 2.** The Mayor and City Commission hereby express their support for
46 H.R.2904 and S.978 and strongly urge the federal government to pass the HELPER Act to
47 establish a home loan program within the Federal Housing Administration to make
48 homeownership more affordable for law enforcement officers, firefighters, EMTs, paramedics,
49 and preK-12 teachers.

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51 **SECTION 3. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its
52 passage and adoption.

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54 APPROVED AND ADOPTED this ____ day of _____ 2025.

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58 JOY F. COOPER
59 MAYOR

60 SPONSORED BY: MAYOR JOY F. COOPER

61 ATTEST:

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64 JENORGEN GUILLEN
65 CITY CLERK

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67 APPROVED AS TO LEGAL SUFFICIENCY
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71 JENNIFER MERINO
72 CITY ATTORNEY