

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-281

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF COCONUT CREEK, FLORIDA, EXPRESSING THE CITY OF COCONUT CREEK'S COMMITMENT TO ESTABLISHING POLICY TO PROMOTE A HEALTHY ENVIRONMENT WITH FOOD ACCESS AND FOOD SECURITY FOR ALL; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, nutrition and environmental-related conditions such as heart disease, diabetes, and high blood pressure decrease Americans' lifespans and quality of life, leading to millions of deaths per year and leaving millions more severely ill, disadvantaged, and impaired; and

WHEREAS, lack of access to healthy food and excess of CO2 emissions are two major contributors to the development of various illnesses affecting children and families; and

WHEREAS, in 2017, over 1 in 10 South Floridians were food insecure and did not know where their next meal would come from, and 1 in 5 children in Broward County go to bed hungry each night¹; and

WHEREAS, policies that increase access to healthy foods, particularly in low-income communities and communities of color, are significantly associated with better eating habits and decreased risk for obesity and nutrition-related diseases²; and

WHEREAS, industrialized food production is one of the largest producers of CO2 emissions in the world, and working towards more local food dependence can significantly improve the environment; and

WHEREAS, policies to improve/increase healthy food access and food security can not only help with CO2 reduction, but also serve as drivers of economic growth and opportunity, engines of job creation, and often can generate social bonds among the community through mechanisms such as community gardens, promoting the economic, social, and physical welfare of all³; and

WHEREAS, this Commission wishes to eliminate food insecurity and excess CO2 and ensure that every resident in the City of Coconut Creek has access to a cleaner environment and healthy, fresh foods to build toward a future where no child need go hungry, and where all Americans have access to healthy, affordable, fresh, locally made and sustainably produced food; and

WHEREAS, the City of Coconut Creek has been actively involved in the Food for All Broward Initiative, which is focused on working with Broward County municipalities to expand access to healthy foods for residents of all ages, abilities, cultural, and economic backgrounds; and

WHEREAS, the City of Coconut Creek commits to working with the Food for All Broward Initiative and other partners to implement policy, legislative, and systems changes to help improve air quality through access to healthy foods and alternative transit opportunities and thus help prevent hunger and other nutrition-related issues; and

WHEREAS, the City of Coconut Creek Urban Design and Development Division shall consider food security and food access matters as part of its planning process for Comprehensive Plan & Community Investment Plan updates and shall incorporate food security and food access considerations wherever feasible and appropriate⁴; and

WHEREAS, the City of Coconut Creek directs the Department of Sustainable Development to recommend green policies for increasing government procurement of locally produced foods and access to healthy foods within government buildings and public institutions such as community centers, parks, greenways, and public schools.

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

Section 1: That the foregoing “WHEREAS” clauses are hereby ratified and confirmed as being true and correct and are hereby made a specific part of this resolution. All exhibits attached hereto are incorporated herein and made a specific part of this resolution.

Section 2: That the City Commission has reviewed and hereby approves the attached Letter of Intent between the City and Food For All Broward.

Section 3: That the City Manager, or designee, is hereby authorized to execute the attached Letter of Intent between the City of Coconut Creek and Food For All Broward.

Section 4: That if any clause, section, other part or application of this resolution is held by any court of competent jurisdiction to be unconstitutional or invalid, in part or in application, it shall not affect the validity of the remaining portion or applications of this resolution.

Section 5: That this resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its adoption.

Adopted this 14th day of November _____, 2019.

Sandra L. Welch, Mayor

Attest:

Leslie Wallace May, City Clerk

Welch	<u>Aye</u>
Sarbone	<u>Absent</u>
Tooley	<u>Aye</u>
Belvedere	<u>Aye</u>
Rydell	<u>Aye</u>

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¹ Feeding South Florida. "Map the Meal Gap 2017: A landmark analysis of food insecurity in the United States."
<https://www.feedingsouthflorida.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/05/Map-the-Meal-Gap-Feeding-South-Florida-2017.pdf>

² The Food Trust. 2013. "Access to healthy food and why it matters: A review of the research."
http://thefoodtrust.org/uploads/media_items/access-to-healthy-food.original.pdf

³ PolicyLink. 2013. "Economic and community development outcomes of healthy food retail."
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⁴ Language adapted from San Francisco Resolution No. 447-13.
<https://sfgov.legistar.com/View.ashx?M=F&ID=2768966&GUID=E192D285-534F-43C9-802B-124406F60D65>