

Resolution No. 180804

A Resolution Encouraging Gainesville Residents and Businesses to Support Farmworkers Rights and Urging Wendy's and Other Food Service Providers to Support the Fair Food Program

WHEREAS, the City of Gainesville strives to foster a warm and welcoming community, protective of human rights, supportive of sustainable practices, and demanding of safe working conditions; and

WHEREAS, the City of Gainesville is a local government partner in Welcoming Gainesville and a supporter of the living wage movement, which promote the realization of a more just and sustainable economy that supports all workers; and

WHEREAS, the Presidential Award-winning Fair Food Program, launched by the Coalition of Immokalee Workers (CIW) in 2011, creates partnerships between farmworkers, growers, and participating retail buyers to enforce fair wages, worker safety, and other basic protections, including verifiable protections for farmworkers against sexual violence and other abuses in the supply chain for food service chains and franchises; and

WHEREAS, numerous fast food restaurant chains, including McDonald's, Burger King, Subway, Taco Bell, KFC, and Chipotle, have signed on as Participating Buyers in the Fair Food Program and are cooperating with the monitoring requirements and purchasing guidelines of the program; and

WHEREAS, the corporate leadership of the Wendy's fast food chain has refused to participate in the Fair Food Program; and

WHEREAS, on March 14, 2019, the UF Student-Farmworker Alliance and the Coalition of Immokalee Workers will hold a march from downtown Gainesville to the campus of the University of Florida to call on UF to end business relationships with Wendy's until the company joins the Fair Food Program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Gainesville City Commission urges Wendy's and other food service providers to commit to farmworkers' rights by joining the Fair Food Program, and encourages members of the Gainesville community to join in this effort.

PASSED and ADOPTED this 7th day of March, 2019.

By: _____
Lauren Poe
Mayor

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:

Omichele D. Gainey
Clerk of the Commission

Nicolle M. Shalley
City Attorney