

**In Recognition of  
The Backpack Buddies Program**

- WHEREAS,** Anna and Alexandre Albuquerque are high school freshmen; and
- WHEREAS,** Anna and Alex have been developing and refining their new initiative Backpack Buddies; and
- WHEREAS,** the mission of Backpack Buddies is to provide backpacks, school supplies, and coupons for those students whose parents lack the financial means to provide new supplies for each school year; and
- WHEREAS,** it is a goal of the Backpack Buddies initiative to start a scholarship fund, encourage students and businesses to participate in the program and the community, and to have corporations give back to the community through sponsorships; and
- WHEREAS,** Anna and Alex plan to launch a website for their project and will feature "Backpack Buddies TV" where they will host interviews with successful entrepreneurs, professionals, and others describing how important education was for them to succeed; and
- WHEREAS,** Anna and Alex were recently recognized by the Florida Panthers and the City of Miami for their project and have received numerous letters of congratulations from leaders across the country.

**NOW THEREFORE, WE,** as City Commissioners of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, do hereby proclaim **March 3, 2015** as:

**Alexandre Albuquerque Day**

in the city of Fort Lauderdale and do congratulate him on the Backpack Buddies project.

**DATED this,** the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of March 2015.

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**Mayor John P. "Jack" Seiler**

