

**In Recognition of
City of Fort Lauderdale
Adopt-A-Neighbor Program**

- WHEREAS,** created in 1975, Neighborhoods, USA (NUSA) is a national non-profit organization committed to building and strengthening neighborhood organizations to share information and experiences used to build stronger communities; and
- WHEREAS,** the organizational mission of NUSA has been to build and strengthen neighborhood associations and to promote productive communications and collaborations among those associations with both the public and private sectors; and
- WHEREAS,** the first National Conference of Neighborhoods began in 1976 in Kansas City, Missouri with about 70 people in attendance. Since 1984, NUSA solicits nominations annually to recognize the commitment of neighborhood endeavors, actions and neighborhood-friendly individuals or enterprises by awarding its Neighborhood of the Year (NOTY), and Best Neighborhood Program awards; and
- WHEREAS,** the City of Fort Lauderdale garnered top honors in the United States for the Best Neighborhood Program in the Physical Revitalization category. The **Adopt- A-Neighbor program** won this award and was recently recognized at the Neighborhoods USA annual conference in Houston, Texas on May 23rd, 2015 with over 1,000 in attendance; and
- WHEREAS,** the program has been extremely well-received by the community as a powerful initiative that unites neighbors and builds civic pride. This recognition advances The Fast Forward Fort Lauderdale 2035 Vision Plan: We are community; and
- WHEREAS,** the Mayor, City Commissioners, and Neighbors of the City of Fort Lauderdale are pleased to recognize, the Office of Neighbor Support for spearheading this initiative, as well as our Neighbor Volunteer Office and Code Compliance Division for providing indispensable assistance, coordination and support of this outstanding program.

NOW THEREFORE, WE, as City Commissioners of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, do hereby proclaim **July 7, 2015** as:

Adopt-A-Neighbor Program Day

in the city of Fort Lauderdale and do congratulate city staff, our neighbors, and our community volunteers for taking home the Best Neighborhood Program Award and do thank them for encouraging neighbors to help neighbors and for making our city a better place in which to live, work, play and raise a family.

DATED this, the 7th day of July 2015.

Mayor John P. "Jack" Seiler

