

**In Recognition of
Arbor Day**

- WHEREAS,** Arbor Day is symbolic of the early conservation movement and has been observed in the United States in various ways for over hundred and forty years; and
- WHEREAS,** there has been increased interest in planting trees because of the tremendous role that such trees play in furthering and improving the environment; and
- WHEREAS,** trees are responsible for creating a more sustainable environment by producing oxygen, reducing stormwater, cooling urban areas, and providing a wildlife habitat; and
- WHEREAS,** it is our sincere conviction that the enhancement of the beauty of the City's landscape by the planting of trees furnishes not only an economic value but a human value that is priceless and beneficial to all; and
- WHEREAS,** in 2012, the City of Fort Lauderdale has been recognized as **TREE CITY, USA** by the National Arbor Day Foundation for 34 years due to its longstanding active urban forestry program; and
- WHEREAS,** the City of Fort Lauderdale does concur with the Governor of the State of Florida that Arbor Day should be commemorated by the planting of trees.

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, as City Commissioners of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, do hereby proclaim **April 26, 2013 as:**

ARBOR DAY

in the City of Fort Lauderdale and do urge all our citizens to celebrate Arbor Day and support efforts to protect our trees.

DATED this, the 16th day of April 2013.

John P. "Jack" Seiler
Mayor

