

**In Recognition of  
International Children’s Day  
April 23, 2013**

- WHEREAS,** in the city of Fort Lauderdale, Americans of Turkish descent have played a significant role in the educational, cultural, economic and civic development of our community; and
- WHEREAS,** in 1920, soon after the Turkish legislature was formed, the founder and first president of Turkey, Mustafa Ataturk, proclaimed April 23<sup>rd</sup> as Children’s Day – declaring that “power rests with the people and that the future belongs to the children;” and
- WHEREAS,** every year since 1920, the Turkish people celebrate this "**Children's Day**" as a national holiday with various festivities and programs; and
- WHEREAS,** in 1979, UNICEF recognized April 23 as International Children's Day to emphasize that they are the future of our world. Today it is celebrated around the globe and with the motto of "Love, Friendship and Peace" strives to reaffirm its commitment of international peace; and
- WHEREAS,** children from communities across our city will come together to celebrate International Children's Day and raise hope for a world united by brotherhood, friendship and peace amongst all cultures; and
- WHEREAS,** the City of Fort Lauderdale recognizes the individuals of Turkish descent who have chosen our community as their home and who share their rich heritage with us, we encourage and embrace celebrations such as International Children's Day that promote the heritage and traditions of our numerous cultural communities and foster understanding and unity.

**NOW, THEREFORE, WE,** as City Commissioners of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, do hereby proclaim **April 23, 2013** as:

**INTERNATIONAL CHILDREN’S DAY**

in the City of Fort Lauderdale and do encourage our citizens to join us in recognizing the importance of this day.

**DATED** this, the 16<sup>th</sup> day of April 2013.

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**John P. “Jack” Seiler  
Mayor**



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