

**Presented to
Mrs. Avis Boyd-Gaines
2014 State Mortician of the Year**

- WHEREAS,** Mrs. Avis Boyd-Gaines is the owner and licensed funeral director and embalmer at the James C. Boyd Funeral Home located at 2324 Sistrunk Boulevard in Fort Lauderdale; and
- WHEREAS,** on April 19, 2014, at a gala event held at the Hyatt Regency Pier 66, Mrs. Boyd-Gaines was recognized as the District 1 Mortician of the Year, and as the 2014 State Mortician of the Year by the Florida Morticians Association, Inc.; and
- WHEREAS,** the Mortician of the Year award is given to practitioners who have shown leadership, made significant contributions to the profession, are distinguished in giving back to the community, and who have outstanding records of service to the Florida Mortician Association; and
- WHEREAS,** prior to leading the family business as presiding owner, Mrs. Boyd-Gaines served our country in the United States Army; she served in many positions including Inspector General at the Pentagon, Equal Opportunity Advisor at Camp Casey Korea, and as First Sergeant at Youngsan, Korea. She earned a host of awards and medals for her service to our country including the highest peace time award, the Legion of Merit; and
- WHEREAS,** after serving our Nation for 26 years, Mrs. Boyd-Gaines returned to South Florida in 2008 and transitioned from a leader in the military to leading the family business. She is an active member of the Florida Morticians Association; Broward County Business and Professional Women's Network; the Kiwanis Club of Central Broward, and 100 Black Women of Funeral Services, and she is the recipient of numerous community awards; and
- WHEREAS,** the City Commission of the City of Fort Lauderdale is proud to issue this proclamation to Mrs. Boyd-Gaines in recognition of her outstanding achievement and do congratulate her on this well-deserved award.

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, as City Commissioners of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, do hereby proclaim **May 6, 2014** as:

Mrs. Avis Boyd-Gaines Day

in the City of Fort Lauderdale and do thank her for providing a vital service to our community and do further thank her for role in ensuring that the James C. Boyd Funeral Home will continue its role in our community since its opening in 1971.

DATED this, the 6th day of May 2014.

Mayor John P. "Jack" Seiler

