

**In Recognition of
March For Meals Month
March 2013**

- WHEREAS,** on March 22, 1972, President Richard Nixon signed into law a measure that amended the Older Americans Act of 1965 and established a national nutrition program for seniors 60 years and older; and
- WHEREAS,** the Meals On Wheels Association of America established the “National March For Meals” Campaign in March 2002 to recognize the historic month, the importance of Older Americans Act Senior Nutrition Programs, and raise awareness about senior hunger in America; and
- WHEREAS,** the 2013 observance of the March For Meals campaign provides an opportunity to support Senior Nutrition Programs that deliver vital and critical services by donating, volunteering and raising awareness about senior hunger; and
- WHEREAS,** Broward Meals on Wheels has served our communities admirably for 28 years; and
- WHEREAS,** volunteer drivers for Broward Meals on Wheels programs are the backbone of the program and they not only deliver nutritious meals to homebound seniors and individuals with disabilities, but also caring concern and attention to their welfare; and
- WHEREAS,** Broward Meals on Wheels provides nutritious meals to seniors throughout the county and help them to avoid premature or unnecessary institutionalization; and
- WHEREAS,** Broward Meals on Wheels provides a powerful socialization opportunity for millions of seniors to help combat loneliness and isolation; and
- WHEREAS,** Broward Meals on Wheels deserves recognition for the contributions it has made and will continue to make in our community.

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

March For Meals Month

in the City of Fort Lauderdale and urge every citizen to take time this month to honor Broward Meals on Wheels, the seniors they serve and the volunteers who care for them, and help our community to end senior hunger in America – so no senior goes hungry.

DATED this, the 19th day of March 2013.

Mayor John P. “Jack” Seiler

