

**In Recognition of
Alzheimer's Awareness Month
November 2014**

- WHEREAS,** November is National Alzheimer's Disease Awareness Month; and
- WHEREAS,** Alzheimer's disease is a slow, progressive disorder of the brain that results in loss of memory and other cognitive function, and eventually, death; and
- WHEREAS,** an estimated 5.4 million Americans have Alzheimer's disease. As many as 200,000 of those are individuals under age 65 who have younger-onset Alzheimer's; and
- WHEREAS,** Alzheimer's disease is the sixth leading cause of death in the United States. This eventually fatal disease is a serious growing threat to the health of our world; and
- WHEREAS,** the human cost of Alzheimer's disease is staggering. More than 15.5 million caregivers provided over 17.7 billion hours of unpaid care in 2013 totaling \$220 billion; and
- WHEREAS,** in 2014, Alzheimer's will cost the nation \$214 billion. This number is expected to rise to \$1.2 trillion by 2050; and
- WHEREAS,** 1 in 3 seniors dies with Alzheimer's or another dementia; and
- WHEREAS,** while there is currently no cure for Alzheimer's disease, there is help for families, friends, and patients in the form of education, support, services available statewide, and locally through the Alzheimer's Association Southeast Florida Chapter; and
- WHEREAS,** the City of Fort Lauderdale recognizes individuals, families, friends, and caregivers dealing with the devastating effects of Alzheimer's disease, the researchers and medical professionals who are seeking causes and a cure, and the educational programs and support services provided by Florida's Alzheimer's organizations.

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

National Alzheimer's Disease Awareness Month

in the City of Fort Lauderdale and do and encourage Fort Lauderdale citizens to become educated about Alzheimer's disease, support the agencies working to find a cure for this disease and the family members caring for loved ones who are affected, and remember all those who have been lost to Alzheimer's disease.

DATED this, the 4th day of November 2014.

**John P. "Jack" Seiler
Mayor**

