

**Presented to
Mary Celeste Dinnen
On the Occasion of her Retirement**

“It is the supreme art of the teacher to awaken joy in creative expression and knowledge.”
Albert Einstein

- WHEREAS,** Mary Celeste Dinnen has dedicated over 57 years of service to the education profession as a teacher in Broward County; she taught for 30 years in the Broward County Public Schools System, and 27 years in the private school system; and
- WHEREAS,** Ms. Dinnen retired from teaching on September 6, 2013, after teaching for 27 years at the St. Jerome Catholic School located in Fort Lauderdale; and
- WHEREAS,** Ms. Dinnen previously taught at Sterling Elementary School, Westside Heights Elementary School, and Nova Blanche Foreman Elementary School; and
- WHEREAS,** Ms. Dinnen has been recognized by her peers as: Teacher of the Year at Nova Blanche Foreman Elementary School; Teacher of the Year at St. Jerome Catholic School; Teacher of the Year for the Southeast United States and Puerto Rico by the National Catholic Education Association; and as a Master Teacher by the State of Florida Board of Education; and
- WHEREAS,** Ms. Dinnen is known for her genuine love of children and her excellent teaching skills and knowledge. For more than 50 years her students have flourished in her classroom and many have become successful citizens in our community; and
- WHEREAS,** the Mayor and City Commission are proud and honored to issue this proclamation to **Ms. Mary Celeste Dinnen** on her well-deserved retirement, and do wish her many years of rest, relaxation and enjoyment with her family.

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, as City Commissioners of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, do hereby proclaim **October 15, 2013** as:

Ms. Mary Celeste Dinnen Day

in the City of Fort Lauderdale, and do thank Ms. Mary Celeste Dinnen for her outstanding commitment to education in Broward County, and do further thank her for being an inspiration to her students, family, colleagues and this entire community.

DATED this, the 15th day of October 2013.

Mayor John P. “Jack” Seiler

