

**In Recognition of  
No More Homeless Pets Month**

- WHEREAS,** the City of Fort Lauderdale respects and shares the concerns of residents regarding homeless pets and the importance of having safe homes and shelters for these animals; and
- WHEREAS,** adopted dogs and cats are one-of-a-kind. Each dog and cat that enters area shelters has a different story but is adorable and gives unconditional love, day in and day out; and
- WHEREAS,** over 45,000 pets end up in our local shelters every year; and
- WHEREAS,** of those, only 17, 500 are adopted, others will remain in private shelters for years waiting for a forever family to adopt them; and
- WHEREAS,** 28,000 will be euthanized. Euthanizing a pet costs \$242, whereas spaying or neutering costs just \$60; and
- WHEREAS,** September is No More Homeless Pets Month and, in recognition, local rescue organizations are hosting “DoggiPalooza” an entire month of adoption and dog welfare events where Fort Lauderdale residents will be encouraged to meet some of the adoptable pets housed in our county shelters, and hopefully, take one home.

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

**No More Homeless Pets Month**

in the City of Fort Lauderdale and do encourage our residents to adopt a pet, and do remind everyone to spay or neuter their pet.

**DATED this,** the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of September 2013.

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**John P. “Jack” Seiler  
Mayor**

