

Mayors Day of Recognition for National Service

WHEREAS, service to others is a hallmark of the American character, and central to how we meet our challenges; and

WHEREAS, national service represents a partnership that invests in community solutions and leverages resources to strengthen community impact; and

WHEREAS, national service expands economic opportunity by creating more sustainable and resilient communities and providing education, career skills, and leadership abilities for those who serve; and

WHEREAS, national service participants serve in more than 70,000 locations across the country, bolstering the civic, neighborhood, and faith-based organizations that are vital to our economic and social well-being; and

WHEREAS, national service participants increase the impact of the organizations they serve, both through their direct service and by recruiting and managing millions of additional volunteers; and

WHEREAS, the nation's mayors are recognizing AmeriCorps, Senior Corps and Cities of Service for addressing the most pressing challenges facing our cities and nation, from educating students for the jobs of the 21st century and supporting veterans and military families to preserving the environment and helping communities recover from natural disasters; and

WHEREAS, the City of Fort Lauderdale shares a priority with mayors nationwide to engage citizens, improve lives, and strengthen communities; and

WHEREAS, the City of Fort Lauderdale has made a commitment to encourage volunteerism to meet neighborhood and city needs and build our community; and

WHEREAS, in partnership with the Broward League of Cities, the City of Fort Lauderdale and our neighbors have embraced the Million Hour Volunteer Challenge; and

WHEREAS, our volunteers help to build homes, participate in park clean-ups, paint buildings, landscape public areas, assist in public events and support city initiatives, while hailing from a broad spectrum of the community; and

WHEREAS, April 21st through April 27th is recognized as National Volunteers Week; and

WHEREAS, the City of Fort Lauderdale is joining with mayors across the country to support the Mayors Day of Recognition for National Service on April 9, 2013.

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, as City Commissioners of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, do hereby proclaim **April 9, 2013**, as:

National Service Recognition Day

in the City of Fort Lauderdale.

DATED this, the 2nd day of April, 2013.

John P. "Jack" Seiler
Mayor

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