

**In Recognition of  
Parks and Recreation Month  
July 2015**

- WHEREAS,** parks and recreation programs are an essential part of communities throughout the United States and are especially important to the residents of the city of Fort Lauderdale; and
- WHEREAS,** our parks and recreation programs are vitally important to establishing and maintaining the quality of life in our communities, ensuring the health of all citizens, and contributing to the economic and environmental well-being of the community and region; and
- WHEREAS,** parks and recreation programs build healthy and active communities that aid in the prevention of chronic disease, provide therapeutic recreation services for those who are mentally or physically disabled, and also improve the mental and emotional health of all citizens; and
- WHEREAS,** parks and recreation programs increase a community's economic prosperity through increased property values, expansion of the local tax base, increased tourism, the attraction and retention of businesses, and crime reduction; and
- WHEREAS,** parks and recreation areas are fundamental to the environmental well-being of our community; and
- WHEREAS,** our parks and recreational areas improve our water quality, protect our groundwater, prevent flooding, improve air quality, provide natural buffers to development, and produce habitat for wildlife; and
- WHEREAS,** our parks and recreation areas ensure the ecological beauty of our community and provide a place for children and adults to connect with nature and recreate outdoors; and
- WHEREAS,** the U.S. House of Representatives has designated July as Parks and Recreation Month; and
- WHEREAS,** the City of Fort Lauderdale recognizes the benefits derived from parks and recreation resources.

**NOW, THEREFORE, WE,** as City Commissioners of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, do hereby proclaim the month of **July 2015** as:

**PARKS AND RECREATION MONTH**

in the city of Fort Lauderdale and do encourage our citizens to celebrate healthy, active lifestyles by participating in their choice of recreation and park activities.

DATED this, the 7<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2015

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

