

**In Recognition of
Adult Learn to Swim Month**

- WHEREAS,** Swim Fort Lauderdale, the U.S. Masters Swimming (USMS) program at the Fort Lauderdale Aquatic Complex has a membership of 184 swimmers; and
- WHEREAS,** USMS represents 60,000 USMS adult members who swim with more than 1,000 local adult swim programs across the country; and
- WHEREAS,** the Centers for Disease Control estimates that 37 percent of American adults cannot swim the length of a pool, and this inability to swim can affect people's lives in a broad spectrum of ways with direct negative implications on Americans' quality of life; and
- WHEREAS,** adult drowning is a problem we can solve by teaching adults to swim; and
- WHEREAS,** the City of Fort Lauderdale's Parks and Recreation Department currently offers over 20 adult learn-to-swim classes at its many municipal pools; and
- WHEREAS,** 108 adults have participated in the City of Fort Lauderdale's Adult Learn-To-Swim classes this year; and
- WHEREAS,** April is the ideal month for this designation as pools and other bodies of water open for the spring and summer seasons; and
- WHEREAS,** April is being nationally recognized as Adult Learn to Swim Month and with the help of state governments throughout our great nation highlighting this lifesaving effort, the commendable goal of making water available for fun, fitness and health to our fellow non-swimming neighbors can be attained.

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

Adult Learn to Swim Month

in the City of Fort Lauderdale and do encourage all residents to join with us in observing Adult Learn to Swim Month and do encourage all non-swimming adults to make April 2014 the month you learn to swim.

DATED this, the 1st day of April 2014.

Mayor John P. "Jack" Seiler



**U.S. MASTERS
SWIMMING**