

**In Honor of
World AIDS Day 2013**

- WHEREAS,** World AIDS Day was established on December 1, 1988 to increase awareness, raise funds, fight prejudice and improve education about Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) and Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS); and
- WHEREAS,** World AIDS Day continues to be an important way to celebrate the extraordinary advances made in the battle against HIV/AIDS, remember those that have lost their lives to this devastating disease, and remind people everywhere that there is still so much more that needs to be done in the fight against it; and
- WHEREAS,** AIDS and HIV have a global impact, with an estimated 33 million people living with AIDS or HIV infection and 25 million who have died worldwide; and
- WHEREAS,** AIDS and HIV continue to be a health concern here in Broward County/Fort Lauderdale, currently ranking number two in the nation, logging the 2nd highest number of new AIDS cases per capita in the United States; and
- WHEREAS,** while scientific advances and expanded access to HIV testing, diagnosis, and treatment can help reduce transmission and prevent further suffering, it is still vital to educate the public on how they can protect themselves and others regarding this preventable disease; and
- WHEREAS,** the Mayor and City Commissioners are humbled to issue this proclamation in honor of those who have lost their lives to this disease and those who are still in the fight.

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, as City Commissioners of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, do hereby proclaim **December 1, 2013** as:

WORLD AIDS DAY

in the City of Fort Lauderdale and encourage our citizens to increase their understanding and awareness of this disease and to offer support to the agencies and volunteers who are working on behalf of all those affected.

DATED this, the 3rd day of December 2013.

John P. "Jack" Seiler
Mayor

