

**In Recognition of
Marcus Mosiah Garvey
126th Anniversary of his Birth**

- WHEREAS,** Marcus Mosiah Garvey, was born on August 17, 1887, in St. Ann's Bay, Jamaica, and emigrated to the United States in 1916; and
- WHEREAS,** Marcus Garvey established the Universal Negro Improvement Association and African Communities League as a means of uniting and uplifting the downtrodden masses of Black people, and as a means of giving them a sense of purpose, pride and positive self-identification; and
- WHEREAS,** Marcus Garvey is recognized as the leading National Hero in his native Jamaica and was the first Jamaican to be given this honor in the land of his birth; and
- WHEREAS,** Marcus Garvey was the Patriarch of the largest African-American and Afro-Caribbean organization for Human Rights and economic self-sufficiency of all time, attracting millions of followers in the United States, the Caribbean, Latin America, Europe and Africa; and
- WHEREAS,** Marcus Garvey was a patron of the Arts, a publisher and a journalist, who contributed to the cultural rebirth of African descendants in America through the Harlem Renaissance and in Jamaica through the UNIA's Liberty Hall in Kingston; and
- WHEREAS,** Marcus Garvey's life, works and legacy in the United States should be recognized; and
- WHEREAS,** Marcus Garvey deserves to be recognized internationally as a great Philosopher and Leader in the struggle for Human Rights and as a great Patriot in the allied struggle for Pan-African liberation; and
- WHEREAS,** the City of Fort Lauderdale partnered with the Rootz Foundation Inc. to host the Marcus Garvey Rootz Extravaganza commemorating the 126th anniversary of his birth, on Saturday, August 17, 2013 at the Joseph C. Carter Park.

NOW, THEREFORE WE, as City Commissioners of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, do hereby proclaim Tuesday, August 20, 2013 as:

“MARCUS GARVEY APPRECIATION DAY”

in the city of Fort Lauderdale and do remember Marcus Garvey for his determination to secure Pan-African liberation in the United States and worldwide.

DATED this, the 20th day of August 2013.

Mayor John P. “Jack” Seiler

