

**In Recognition of
National Small Business Week and
The 1st Annual Small Business Week Fort Lauderdale**

- WHEREAS,** the City of Fort Lauderdale recognizes and values the dedication and entrepreneurial spirit of small businesses that keep the City, State and American economy growing stronger; and
- WHEREAS,** according to the 2010 Census small businesses significantly impact Florida’s economy, they represent 98.9 percent of all employers and employ 42.9 percent of the private-sector labor force; and
- WHEREAS,** small businesses are important to the Florida economy and the private-sector workforce with employment at approximately 2.1 million in 2010; and
- WHEREAS,** the City of Fort Lauderdale appreciates the support provided to our small businesses by the Fort Lauderdale Community Redevelopment Agency, Greater Fort Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce, the Greater Fort Lauderdale Alliance and other business associations focused on industries important to the Fort Lauderdale economy; and
- WHEREAS,** small businesses throughout Fort Lauderdale and the State of Florida received assistance through the United States Small Business Administration (SBA), created through the ratification of the Small Business Act in 1953 with the mission to maintain and strengthen the nation’s economy by providing access to capital, counseling, training and contracting to entrepreneurs and small businesses and by assisting families and businesses recovering from natural disasters; and
- WHEREAS,** the City of Fort Lauderdale wishes to recognize small businesses for the key role they play in keeping our economy strong and call upon each of our citizens to celebrate the achievements and contributions of entrepreneurs and their employees and encourage the development of new small businesses; and
- WHEREAS,** this year marks the 1st Annual Small Business Week Fort Lauderdale event in the NPF-CRA and we encourage our neighbors and visitors to participate in the many activities planned during Small Business Week Fort Lauderdale.

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, as City Commissioners of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, do hereby proclaim **May 4-10, 2015** as:

**National Small Business Week
and
Small Business Week Fort Lauderdale**

in the city of Fort Lauderdale.

DATED this, the 5th day of May 2015.

**John P. “Jack” Seiler
Mayor**



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE