

**In Recognition of  
Fair Housing Month  
April 2013**

- WHEREAS,** April, 2013 marks the 45th Anniversary of the signing of Title VIII of the 1968 Civil Rights Act, as amended, which guarantees fair housing opportunities for all Americans; and
- WHEREAS,** the provision of fair housing opportunities for all citizens is an important goal of the City of Fort Lauderdale; and
- WHEREAS,** the City of Fort Lauderdale joins with the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development, the State of Florida, concerned citizens and the housing industry in working to realize the dream of fair and affordable housing for all city residents; and
- WHEREAS,** the City of Fort Lauderdale is proud of its efforts to further fair housing for all residents and recognizes that this can only be accomplished through forging partnerships with individuals, for profit and non-profit organizations, the corporate community, and others; and
- WHEREAS,** the City of Fort Lauderdale values its relationship with Housing Opportunities Project for Excellence, Inc. (HOPE, Inc.) in its efforts to eliminate housing discrimination and to promote **fair housing** in Broward County and the State of Florida; and
- WHEREAS,** by supporting and promoting fair housing and equal opportunity, we are contributing to the health of our city, state, and nation, and encouraging others to abide by the letter and the spirit of the Federal Fair Housing Act.

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

**Fair Housing Month**

in the City of Fort Lauderdale and urge all citizens to observe this month by recognizing, preserving and promoting each individual's right to housing within his means without regard to the individual's protected status.

**DATED this,** the 16<sup>th</sup> day of April 2013.

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

