

**In Recognition of
War Memorial Auditorium
65th Anniversary**

- WHEREAS,** the year was 1950. It was called the “Golden Age.” Children played outside with each other. A home did not have a computer, cell phone, color television or microwave. A gallon of milk was 82 cents and a full tank of gas was \$3.51; and
- WHEREAS,** the City of Fort Lauderdale’s War Memorial Auditorium (WMA) opened its doors as a multi-purpose facility owned and operated by the city, located in Holiday Park. It was built through a community fundraising drive to provide a permanent home to the symphony; and
- WHEREAS,** it is a living memorial to the veterans and fallen of World War II, Korean and Vietnam Wars. The names of hard-fought WWII battles radiate from a seal on the lobby floor. The Gold Star Mothers donated a statue of a Vietnam soldier which was placed in the lobby. In November 2009, the city honored our men and women who served in the armed forces with the rededication of the Korean War-era F-86 Sabre Jet; and
- WHEREAS,** in the early years, patrons were captivated by The Florida Grand Opera and spellbound by the magic of David Copperfield. They tapped their feet to the music of Jerry Lee Lewis, and Buddy Holly; and
- WHEREAS,** on January 14, 2015, we celebrate a new era. Today, children play with handheld electronics. Most people know what an Apple is. Gas is \$3.51 a gallon, just like milk. Even though technology and inflation have changed, the historic War Memorial Auditorium remains a home for many.

NOW, THEREFORE, WE as City Commissioners of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, do hereby proclaim **January 14, 2015** as:

War Memorial Auditorium 65th Anniversary Day

in the City of Fort Lauderdale and do encourage all citizens to join with us in celebrating the 65th anniversary of the War Memorial Auditorium .

DATED this, the 6th day of January 2015.

Mayor John P. “Jack” Seiler

